

College/Division Name: The Graduate College
2-year Review of 2012-2017 Plan

College/Division Mission:

The mission of The Graduate College is to provide vision, leadership, and direction for excellence in graduate education at Texas State University with the aim of providing the appropriate infrastructure and learning environment for the training of innovative and successful scholars, teachers, and professionals. The Graduate College does so by

- a. articulating, promoting, and supporting the highest standards of quality in graduate education in keeping with the University's overall mission of teaching, research, and public service;
- b. constructing and maintaining an environment conducive to successful graduate education in concert with all graduate programs;
- c. supporting programs' efforts to foster a diverse student population who participate in a global society;
- d. promoting and supporting rigor in graduate education;
- e. providing key process and procedure guidance and support to graduate programs from admission to graduation;
- f. aiding in student recruitment, application processing, policy monitoring, and degree auditing;
- g. leading initiatives designed to provide best practices in graduate education leading to timely degree completion;
- h. providing graduate student support for creative and scholarly activities; and
- i. offering professional development opportunities for graduate students at key stages in their graduate career.
- j. engaging in research on graduate education.

College/Division Goals:

1. To increase graduate student enrollment
2. To increase the financial support of graduate students
3. To promote research activities of graduate students and on graduate education
4. To provide the infrastructure to support graduate education
5. To provide best practices in graduate education

Top Five 2012-2017 Strategic Priorities for Remainder of Planning Cycle:

1. To increase graduate student enrollment via increased domestic/international/diversity recruitment efforts, and retention activities as well as program review and program creation. This includes a revision of print and online recruitment materials.
2. To increase funding for graduate scholarships, student travel, and assistantship programs
3. Engage in funded research on graduate education, and support research activities by

graduate students & graduate student/faculty teams

4. To provide the needed infrastructure for The Graduate College to support graduate students, faculty, and staff. This will involve regular professional development workshop series for students, for graduate support staff, and mentoring workshops for faculty.

5. To promote best practices in graduate education. This will include an assessment of current practices and policies.