

Mission Statement of the Graduate School

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The Graduate School advances the University's mission to expand knowledge and culture among students, colleagues, and the general citizenry through teaching, research, and service. Graduate education provides opportunities for all students, including those from underrepresented groups, to learn advanced skills enabling them to generate knowledge through research and creative endeavors, to disseminate their scholarship, and to prepare for careers throughout the public and private sectors.

The Graduate School supports the expansion and strengthening of graduate programs including: (1) master's programs in areas that build on strengths of undergraduate programs, have a unique educational focus, or prepare students for viable careers; (2) doctoral programs in areas of demonstrated programmatic strength and expertise or where a compelling societal need exists. Illinois State University is classified as a Carnegie Doctoral/Research University-Intensive.