2021-2022









Dear friends and alumni of the Graduate School:

We have so much to celebrate in the Graduate School at Texas Tech!

Fall 2021 kicked off with our full return to prepandemic policies for education. After adapting through tough times, we transitioned to our regular ways, with more focus than ever. Even through these obstacles we were humbled to see more and more people choose Texas Tech as a place to further their education. Once again, we achieved record enrollment and expanded our student population further than ever before.

During this time, the Graduate School hosted our 12th Annual Arts & Humanities conference, 8th annual 3 Minute Thesis competition, and 21st annual Graduate Student Research Poster Competition.

These events are always a great way for faculty, staff, and community volunteers to support our student. The students also have a rare opportunity to promote their research while receiving constructive critiques.

The graduate programs at Texas Tech continue to push innovation and help meet the demands for a highly knowledgeable workforce. Our graduates gain the expertise, creativity, and courage to take on the world's most complex challenges. Their work in all fields continues to make a difference and enrich lives. This year we awarded 1,872 Master's degrees and 441 Doctoral degrees, with an additional 214 graduate certificates being awarded.

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Later in this booklet, we highlight some of the students and alumni who have applied these skills to make significant and lasting impacts in their disciplines.

Texas Tech's continued prominence as a leader in graduate education depends on our ability to recruit and support the very best students and assure that they acquire the skills they need to succeed while at Tech and after they graduate. Please visit our website for up-to-date events, accomplishments, and opportunities to give back to the Graduate School.

"From here, it's possible."

Mark A. Sheridan, Ph.D.

Vice Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs

Dean of the Graduate School



OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Our students come from every U.S. state and from all corners of the world. We celebrate our rich diversity and enjoy the benefits it brings to our intellectual community and to the fabric of our society.

ENROLLMENT

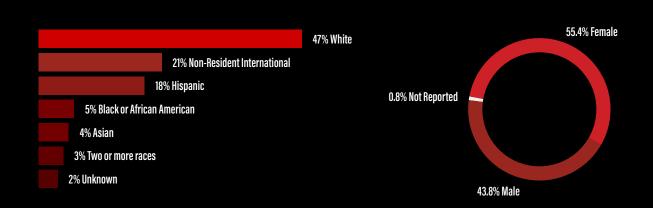
- 6917 Graduate Students
- 4043 Master's Students
- 2667 Doctoral Students
- 207 Non-Degree Students

DEGREES AWARDED

- 1872 Master's Degrees
- 441 Doctoral Degrees
- 214 Graduate Certificates

PROGRAMS

- 1193 Graduate Faculty
- 101 Master's Programs
- 79 Graduate Certificates
- 55 Doctoral Programs





RECRUITING FOR EXCELLENCE

Texas Tech's position as a top-tier research university depends on the size, scope, and quality of its graduate enterprise. The Graduate School has a number of programs that help attract and support top-quality graduate students.

RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

The Graduate School's recruiting efforts bring Texas Tech to a diverse range of prospective graduate students.

- Attending state, national, and international recruiting events
- Assisting academic departments with their recruitment efforts
- Utilizing online recruiting platforms
- Connecting with working professionals as well as with prospective graduate students

RECRUITMENT FELLOWSHIPS

Distinguished Graduate Student Assistantships hire students on TA/RA positions (\$25,000 stipend split between Graduate School and departmental support). Capacity to increase to ca. 300 by 2023-2024.

Recruitment fellowships augment departmental stipends for up to four years for doctoral students in order to make competitive offers.

The endowment of The Graduate School is ca. \$56M - providing support for about 750 graduate fellowships each year, about half of which help recruit new students.

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS



6917 RECORD ENROLLMENT (UP 4.3%)



3941 TEXAS RESIDENTS



72% OF STUDENTS RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID



FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS INCREASED (ZERO IN 2016 - FIVE IN 2021)

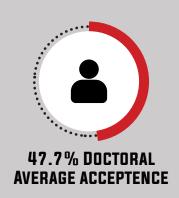




STUDENT POPULATION





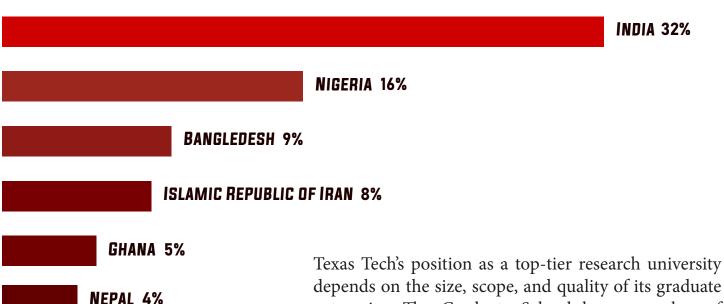


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COUNTRIES FOR INTERNATIONAL ENROLLMENT

CHINA 4%



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ADVANCING STUDENT SUCCESS

The Graduate School is committed to helping students succeed in their programs and to ensure they have the skills they need to enter and succeed in the workforce.

FELLOWSHIPS

Two hundred and fifty fellowship awards ranging from \$1,000 - \$30,000 are available to new and continuing students, both full-time and part-time, on a competitive basis.

Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship awards enable doctoral students near the end of their programs to focus exclusively on their dissertation research to facilitate degree completion. Twenty-eight awards were offered last year.

The Graduate School assists students in developing and submitting fellowship applications to external sponsors (e.g., National Science Foundation).

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Graduate Student Research Support Program-offered in collaboration with The <u>CH</u> Foundation and the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion -provides support to assist students with research-related expenses. For 2021-2022, 74 small grants were awarded totally ca. \$70k.

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Seven semi-finalists and five Fulbright Fellowship finalists
- One National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program honorable mention and one recipient named
- 385 graduate students supported to present at conferences
- Sixty-nine external funding applications were funded



STUDENT INSTRUCTORS

Student instructors and assistants are a pillar of graduate education programs. The current graduate part time instructor (GPTI) and teaching assistant (TA) program allows for a mutually beneficial experience. Students receive funding and resources while the Graduate School facilities the spread of a wider breadth of knowledge.

Number of GPTIs and TAs in 2021-2022:

858 TEACHING ASSISTANTS

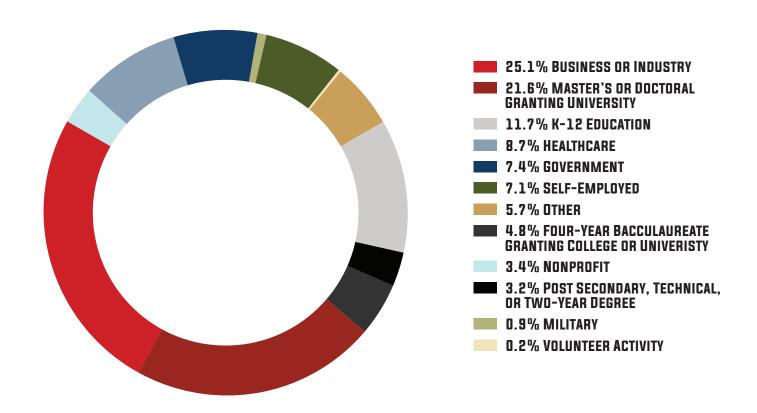
459 GRADUATE PART TIME INSTRUCTORS

WHERE STUDENTS GO

Our graduate students gain the expertise, creativity, and courage to take on the world's most complex challenges. They enter every sector of the economy and make significant and lasting contributions locally, nationally, and internationally.

Results from the Graduate Student Alumni Survey (2020-2021) indicate that over 87% of alums were satisfied/very satisfied with the overall quality of their graduate program and over 85% of alums were satisfied/very satisfied with how their graduate program prepared them for their careers.

EMPLOYMENT SECTOR



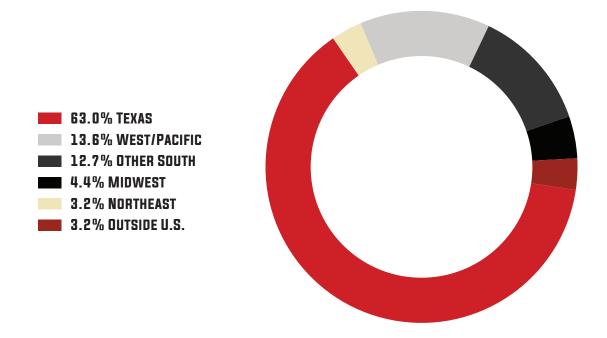


OF GRADUATES HAVE SALARIES THAT ARE \$50,000-\$250,000 OR HIGHER



OF GRADUATES AGREED THEIR DEGREES CLOSELY RELATE TO THEIR CURRENT JOBS

EMPLOYMENT LOCATION







AMANDA GUZMAN DOCTORAL STUDENT

"I chose Texas Tech University for a variety of reasons, the first being that I know I will receive a high-quality education and training that will provide a firm foundation for my career. Secondly, the atmosphere and sense of community that this institution cultivates are unlike any other university. I am excited to step on campus every day, knowing I will be supported. And lastly, Texas Tech is an official Hispanic serving school. As a Latina, diversity is important to me, and so it was important for me to belong to an organization that held that same belief. I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude for having the honor of being awarded the Covenant Health and Social Services Graduate Fellowship. The peace of mind this provides my family and me, simply cannot be measured."

JON ORTIZ GRADUATE STUDENT

Jon Ortiz graduated Summa Cum Laude from Texas Tech in 2016, and completed his master's degree in Percussion Performance from Middle Tennessee State University in 2019. Prior to returning to TTU in pursuit of a DMA degree, Jon taught various performing groups such as high school and college marching band drumlines, indoor percussion groups, and many private lesson students. His concentration has been Latin Percussion music for much of his degree work and looks forward to teaching and performing this style of music and others at professional level for the rest of his life. The Graduate Fellowship has aided Jon by allowing more focus and concentration in his musical and scholarly pursuits.





CASIANI SOTO RAMOS DOCTORAL STUDENT

"I am Latina and first-generation college student. I obtained my bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Puerto Rico- Mayagüez Campus. I was blessed to receive the Distinguished Graduate Student Assistantship allowing me to receive an excellent education at Texas Tech University. This assistantship provided me a stable and better quality of life as a graduate student. My research focuses on studying management tactics to control nematodes in cotton. I am privileged to help producers mitigate the impact of nematodes and provide tools. My career goal is to be part of a national effort to keep food and non-food crops free of diseases for future generations. My goal is to educate through teaching and research to advance agriculture."

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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COMPETITIONS

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- Arts & Humanities Graduate Student Research Conference
- Graduate Student Research Poster Competition



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Groundwork Program
- TEACH Program
- Workshops
- Career Services
- Versatile PhD
- Distance Education Resources

GRADUATE CENTER

The Graduate Center facility is dedicated exclusively for use to Texas Tech's graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. The center is located at the heart of the Lubbock campus and serves as a hub for professional and career development and graduate student and postdoctoral life activities.

Student support and academic support services are available, including:



RANKING AND NUMBERS



BEST COLLEGE FOR THE MONEY (WITH AID) IN THE SOUTHWEST

CollegeFactual.com, 2021



BEST ONLINE COLLEGES FOR DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

OnlineU.com, 2021



RANKING AMONG BIG 12 INSTITUTIONS IN TERMS OF RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Payscale.com, 2021



TOP PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S.

Niche, 2022



ONLINE MASTER'S IN MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS DEGREE PROGRAMS

TheBestSchools.org, 2021



BEST ONLINE MBA Programs

U.S. News & World Report, 2021



BEST ACCREDITED ONLINE COLLEGES IN TEXAS

BestColleges.com, 2021



RANKING AMONG AMERICA'S TOP COLLEGES

Forbes, 2021



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STUDENT TO FACULTY

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DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS





