The Graduate College is an administrative and student support unit under the Office of the Provost responsible for the advancement of graduate and online education and postdoctoral affairs at Drexel University.

The Graduate College celebrates diversity, recognizes excellence and advocates for the needs of the graduate student and postdoctoral communities offering academic advising and support services, professional development, and connects students and fellows with the tools and resources they need to be successful.

Academic Assistance & Support

- Works closely with graduate faculty and professional staff academic advisors to support students throughout their program, ensuring an accurate plan of study, registration, and progression to degree completion.
- Connects students to academic assistance and support services through the Learning Alliance, Center for Learning and Academic Success Services (CLASS), Libraries, English Language Center (ELC), Writing Center, fellowships advising, and statistical assistance.
- Communicates important graduate academic dates, deadlines, policies, and procedures.
- Offers a series of co-curricular programs, including a non-credit certificate in college teaching, Road to Success: Doctoral Student Resource, and TA orientation and training.
- Supports and advocates for the needs of students when faced with academic or personal issues or concerns and tracks and analyzes student case data.

Research & Funding Support

- Offers a Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) course and research and funding opportunities and resources in partnership with the Office of Research and Innovation (ORI).
- Offers a Financial Literacy Series for help with personal financial management.
- Offers Graduate Student Excellence Awards for mentorship, civic engagement, scholarship, community building, DEI work, service, research, and teaching assistance annually.
- Offers the Teck-Kah Lim Graduate Student Travel Subsidy Award for presentation at meetings/conferences within the US and territories and promotes the Global Engagement Funding Award for international travel.
- Offers a health insurance deductible subsidy program in partnership with the Graduate Student Association (GSA).
- Works closely with Drexel Central to helps students address financial questions or issues related to enrollment, registration, assistantships/fellowships, stipends, etc.

Student Support & Community Building

- Offers graduate student orientation and welcome programs in collaboration with campus partners and sponsored graduate student organizations.
- Publishes a monthly graduate and doctoral student newsletter with dedicated information, resources, news, student profiles and interviews.
- Partners with the Graduate Student Association (GSA), International Graduate Student Association (IGSA) and sponsored graduate student organizations to offer a wide variety of academic, personal, professional, cultural, and social programs and events (E.g. Festival of Nations, Drexel Emerging Graduate Scholars Conference, Graduate Student Day, Doctoral Student Celebration).
- Works closely with campus partners to offer resources and services related counseling, health, wellness, safety and security, disability resources, etc.
- Offers free coffee, tea, hot chocolate and cold and hot filtered water in the office and a 24/7 dedicated graduate student lounge space for studying, gathering, and events.

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Professional Development

- **Scholars Share** – An opportunity for graduate students, recent alumni, and postdocs to share their research and Drexel experience with peers.
- **Coffee Hour Seminar Series** – A variety of personal and professional development workshops in collaboration with campus partners featuring topics in teaching and learning, personal and professional skills, job search and career tools, health and wellness, and diversity, equity and inclusion.
- **Financial Literacy Series** – Offers information and advice on personal financial management from a variety of industry experts to promote financial wellness for students and postdocs.
- **Drexel Emerging Graduate Scholars (DEGS) Conference** – An annual academic conference featuring graduate student research, professional development workshops, networking opportunities, and receptions.
- **Professional Buzz** – A blog warehousing relevant information, tips and tools for students and professionals looking for career development and advice.
- **Professional Development Webinars** – An archive of professional development webinars on a wide variety of topics relevant for academic and professional work and life.
- **Graduate Student Career Workshops** – Offers guidance on resume and cover letter writing, job search in industry and academia, networking, interview skills, career counseling and assessment resources, and more in partnership with the Steinbright Career Development Center (SCDC).
- **Graduate Co-op** – Offered for select graduate programs in collaboration with the Steinbright Career Development Center and academic units.
- **Careers Beyond the Bench** – A professional development conference for graduate students and postdocs to assist them in exploring non-academic career pathways, in collaboration with the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and Professional Studies in the College of Medicine and Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and Professional Development.
- Connects students to external resources and opportunities for professional development, fellowships, etc., such as through the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD), National Postdoctoral Association (NPA), etc.

Commitment to Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

The Graduate College of Drexel University is committed to actively fostering and promoting justice, equity, diversity and inclusion (JEDI) by embracing all human differences while building on the commonalities amongst different groups.

- Founded the Graduate College Diversity Advisory Council (DAC) in spring 2020 to address issues of institutional racism, unconscious bias and racial inequalities within the Drexel community, raise awareness of these issues, implement action items, and support our Black community members.
- Advocates for and provides guidance to graduate students in coordination with our DEI campus partners and community members.
- Offer DEI-related workshops and programs.
- Infuses our core principles throughout our daily work, including in reviewing policies, procedures, websites, communications, accessibility, etc.