

# OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

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Towson University's graduate programs prepare students to be ethically and globally minded professionals who are leaders in their fields. Enrollment is thriving with over 3,000 students taking courses across more than 80 certificate, master's and doctoral level programs. Through cutting-edge courses and programs, students develop the advanced knowledge, experiences and skills needed for their professional careers. Because many enrolled graduate students are working full time, graduate courses are offered at convenient times and at off-campus sites as well as on the main TU campus. Select programs and courses are offered online and through blended formats.

Towson University has accepted the challenge set forth by the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to provide rigorous, innovative graduate programs that respond to specific state, regional and national workforce and societal demands. Faculty members from across the university community work together to create meaningful learning opportunities for graduate students, tailored to their individualized goals. These faculty members are renowned scholars who encourage graduate students to collaborate on research projects and creative productions. Guided by a commitment to educational excellence, TU provides learning resources and support services that promote student success. More graduate programs continue to be developed as the needs of students, industry, research, and the community continue to evolve.

## Graduate Studies Committee

The Graduate Studies Committee, a committee of the University Senate, determines graduate education policy and is responsible for graduate curriculum and standards. The voting membership comprises 10 members of the faculty (two each from the College of Education, the College of Health Professions, the College of Liberal Arts, and the Jess and Mildred Fisher College of Science and Mathematics; and one each from the College of Business and Economics and the College of Fine Arts and Communication), and 2 graduate students. The dean of Graduate Studies, the dean of Cook Library, and representatives from Admissions and the Registrar's Office are ex-officio members. The Graduate Studies Committee also hears student appeals that are related to academic matters. The appeals process is described in Appendix F.

## Administration

The dean and staff of the Office of Graduate Studies administer and implement the policies established by the Graduate Studies Committee for graduate education. On all matters of curriculum and academic requirements for individual graduate programs, the graduate program directors are the primary contact.

## Office of Graduate Studies

The office, located in the Administration Building, Room 301, is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m. except for scheduled holidays.

For more information, contact:

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## Letter from the Dean Office of Graduate Studies

Towson University introduced its first graduate degree program, a master's in elementary education, in 1958. Since then, graduate programs have grown to include more than 80 graduate degrees and certificate programs, including six doctoral degree programs, serving more than 3,000 students. The Office of Graduate Studies continues to help thousands of students prepare for leadership roles and address evolving societal needs by offering programs in the liberal and fine arts, teacher education, health professions, computer and information technology, natural sciences, social sciences, and various interdisciplinary areas.

The programs are led by nationally prominent faculty members who combine theory, applied, and practical knowledge while encouraging collaboration on research projects and creative productions. Students have the opportunity to learn in an inclusive environment complemented by the perspectives and experiences of their peers, who hail from a diversity of geographic locations, cultures and ethnic backgrounds.

Governed by its mission to prepare globally and ethically minded professionals to be leaders in their fields, TU offers a valuable, yet affordable education that blends advanced levels of study with innovative learning opportunities. Graduate students enjoy small class sizes, research labs, and an accessible faculty. Classes are offered during the day and in the evening at the suburban Baltimore campus and at off-site locations in Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Montgomery and St. Mary's counties. Some of the graduate programs are now available partially or fully online.

Research grants and contracts have enabled TU to offer research opportunities to its students, support the scholarly activities of its faculty, and engage in partnerships with business, community and government agencies. As the demands of the work force change, the Office of Graduate Studies strives to prepare its students by offering a sound balance of theory and application and by doing what it does best—bringing together outstanding learning, research and professional experiences that prepare graduates for successful workforce careers.

A warm welcome and best wishes to you as you embark on your Towson University graduate education. During your time at TU, take advantage of the learning resources, rich cultural opportunities, diverse community initiatives and athletic events available to you.

Sidd Kaza, Associate Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies