



Purdue University Graduate School

Purdue University Graduate School (www.purdue.edu/grad) in West Lafayette, Indiana facilitates over 100 graduate programs in every area imaginable. Currently there are over 8,500 graduate students enrolled at all levels from masters to post doc. The wide selection of courses, many funding options, and opportunities for professional development make Purdue a top choice for students continuing their education after their undergraduate studies.

Most graduate school programs fall into one of three categories at Purdue: Degree and Academic Programs, Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs, and Certificate Programs. The main difference between academic and interdisciplinary programs is that the former have their own department while the latter utilize resources across campus from many departments to offer a masters degree. Certificate programs are available in over a dozen areas and make graduating student's workforce ready in fields like ESL, nurse practitioner, survey research, and applied statistics.

Purdue offers extensive resources for their graduate students after they've enrolled. The Professional Development office offers advising, career consultation, and custom workshops for workplace bound students. They also have special tracks for students getting ready for a career in academia, business, and government service.

Purdue has received recognition from many national associations for their high quality graduate programs. The College of Agriculture is ranked 3rd in the nation by the National Science Foundation, due to its high level of research and development in farm sciences. Several programs in the Department of Communications are ranked in the top ten for their respective fields. Lastly, Purdue's Center for Education and Research in Information Assurance and Technology (CERIAS) ranks as the top program in information security among universities in the nation in a measure of faculty productivity.

Funding is an important element of every graduate student's education. Graduate degrees are a wonderful tool to excel professionally, but dealing with the costs can be a

challenge. At Purdue numerous funding opportunities are available which support more than 70% of full-time graduate students. The Purdue website has an easy to access funding database at <http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/funding/> for students to find scholarships, student teaching jobs, and grants.