

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The College of Graduate Studies provides academic and other support services, including administration of graduate assistantships and scholarships for graduate students while upholding academic standards. The college also serves as the central collegiate component for uniting the entire graduate academic community at Middle Tennessee State University. In consultation with the graduate faculty, the college establishes policies and procedures to promote excellence in graduate education. These include processes to ensure judicious and selective graduate student admission decisions, rigorous adherence to the academic standards expected of graduate students, monitoring for excellence in graduate program curricula through the graduate program review process, and selectivity in making graduate faculty appointments. The college certifies that every candidate for conferral of a graduate degree has fulfilled all academic requirements. The college contributes assistance to help ensure that each graduate program provides the optimal educational experiences for its graduate students. This support includes the distribution of graduate assistant funds and the provision of graduate fellowships.

Mission

The College of Graduate Studies, in partnership with other academic units at Middle Tennessee State University, regional institutions of higher education, and private and public agencies and corporations, is committed to a leadership role in graduate education. This on-going process will result in the development of the technically skilled entrepreneurial workforce required for sustaining regional, national, and global economies. This mission will be accomplished through seamless integration of teaching and learning with outstanding scholarship of the University's faculty and students, continued emphasis on enhanced, quality programs, and development of innovative programs with interdisciplinary focus.

Vision

The vision of the College of Graduate Studies is to make Middle Tennessee State University a destination of choice for prospective graduate students. This will be accomplished by promoting the highest quality in graduate education, research, scholarship, creativity, innovation, mentorship, and training.

Values

The college values excellence in instruction, research, creative activity, and public service. In pursuit of excellence, we actively foster mentorship and internal and external partnerships. The College of Graduate Studies is committed to the active and timely communication of accurate information throughout the University community and the public at large, the treatment of all materials and information in a confidential manner, and truth in advertising.

THE FUNCTION OF EDUCATION IS TO TEACH ONE TO THINK INTENSIVELY AND TO THINK CRITICALLY.
INTELLIGENCE PLUS CHARACTER - THAT IS THE GOAL OF TRUE EDUCATION.
BE NOT SIMPLY GOOD; BE GOOD FOR SOMETHING.