

Office of Graduate Studies Strategic Priorities 2008-2009

1. Support graduate student recruitment efforts that are congruent with campus priorities.

Our goal is to recruit a large and diverse pool of talented graduate applicants so that the faculty can attract the highest quality students into UNL's graduate programs.

2. Support student development activities that enhance the success of UNL graduate students.

The goal of the graduate student retention and development program is to add value to the academic and professional skills of graduate students at UNL. The two most important aspects of this priority are the instructional development program for Teaching Assistants and the Preparing Future Faculty program.

3. Create and sustain interdisciplinary graduate education initiatives.

The goal of this priority is to make it easier for faculty to create interdisciplinary experiences for graduate students. Specific initiatives include enhanced interdisciplinary recruitment in the life sciences, increased use of double majors at the masters and doctoral level, and the creation of a Professional Science Masters program.

4. Implement the Office of Postdoctoral Studies.

Graduate Studies has created a new Office of Postdoctoral Studies to serve the professional and career development needs of postdoctoral scholars at UNL.