

Major work of the Graduate Council in 2025 – 2026:

Review and approval of graduate certificate programs:

- Global Futures – Haub School
- Criminal Justice
- Non-Profit Leadership – School of Politics, Public Affairs and International Studies
- AI in Learning Design – School of Counseling, Leadership, Advocacy and Design

Review of other graduate program proposals:

- Reviewed and voted to support a feasibility study for a PhD program in Health Sciences
- Reviewed and provided feedback on UW taking over the doctoral program in Occupational Therapy at Casper, which the University of North Dakota is sunsetting.

Review and feedback on other graduate education matters:

- SAP on graduate committee formation
- Proposed changes associated with moving Program of Study paperwork to electronic format, as presented by AVP Pepper
- Preliminary discussions around the possibility of adding Master of Applied Sciences to UW programming. We currently have no MAS programs.

Approvals for exceptions to serve on graduate student committees:

- Several programs have expressed difficulty in filling committees for masters and doctoral degree students exclusively with tenure track faculty. In order to address this issue, the Graduate Council approved several exceptions across multiple program areas for non-tenure track faculty members to serve on graduate student committees.

Awards and Recognition:

- Graduate Council subcommittees reviewed nomination materials and selected recipients for several awards, including:
 - Student Awards
 - McNair Graduate Scholars
 - Distinguished Graduate Scholars
 - Outstanding Dissertation
 - Outstanding Thesis
 - Graduate Teaching Awards
 - Mentorship
 - Distinguished Faculty Mentor
 - Distinguished Mid-Career Graduate Faculty Mentor
 - Distinguished Early Career Graduate Faculty Mentor