The mission of the Graduate School is to advocate and provide support for graduate education, graduate students, and interdisciplinary programs, and to promote the advancement of knowledge through the teaching and training of post-baccalaureate students.

By fostering the spirit of inquiry and research in the members of its faculties, it not only strengthens undergraduate instruction but also advances knowledge.

Through its graduate courses, it furnishes advanced preparation for those who are planning to become investigators or teachers in the social sciences, humanities, and natural sciences.

It also partners with the academic units to support graduate students, financially and professionally, and help those units recruit, retain, and prepare students for successful careers.