

# Collaborative Efforts for Student Support and Success

Supporting Students with Financial, Emotional, Social,  
and Other Needs

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# University of Mississippi

- Flagship Institution
- Very High Research Activity (R1)
- ~2,100 Graduate Students (~ 775 Doctoral Students)
- 130+ Graduate Degree Programs (~50 Doctoral)
- 9 College/Schools Offering Graduate Degrees
- An Associate Dean and 8 Full-Time Staff
- Centralized admission, decentralized assistantships

# Long History of Collaboration

- Prior Graduate School Leadership
- Student Affairs (Dean of Students, Career Services, and University Counseling Center)
- Office of Diversity and Community Engagement
- Financial Aid
- Provost Office
- Student Groups

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# Collaborations and Role of Graduate School

- Graduate student belongingness
- Orienting services to directly meet needs of graduate students
- Advocacy for graduate students
- Normalizing accessing services for graduate students

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# Financial Need Support Examples

- Emergency Fund\*
- Non-Resident Fee Waiver Account\*
- Recruitment Fellowships (Excellence in Inclusivity)\*
- Work Study
- Subsidized Health Insurance
- Graduate Student Facebook Group
- Student Group Operated Food Bank

# Emotional Need Support Examples

- Professional Development Workshops\*
  - Imposter Syndrome
  - Signs and Symptoms of Mental Health Concerns
  - Coping with Stress in Academia
    - with Dean as co-facilitator
- Graduate Student Support Group\*
  - 7-10 students average for 1.5 hours/week

# Social Need Support Examples

- Orientation with lunch by program with cohort and Graduate Program Coordinator\*
- Networking event for diverse doctoral students and alumni\*
- BGPSA and GSC welcome events and tailgates, social gatherings, and programming
- Graduate student floor in library

# Other Need Support Examples

- Parental Leave Policy\*
- Graduate Student Writing Center\*
  - 123-161 appts. and 52-63 discrete clients / term
  - > 70% with first/home language other than English
  - Grammar, flow, ELL main foci
- Professional Development Programs Offered in Response to Specific Student Requests\*