



# Supporting International Graduate Students

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# The University of Arkansas

- Land-grant institution founded in 1871 – celebrating our 150th year in 2021
- Classified by the Carnegie Foundation among only 3 percent of universities in America with the highest level of research activity
- Flagship university with enrollment of 27,559
- Research expenditures: \$175 million (FY 2018)
- Founding institution for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program

# The Graduate School and International Education

at the University of Arkansas



**115**

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

**130**  
GRADUATE  
PROGRAMS

**18%**

INTERNATIONAL  
GRADUATE STUDENTS

**{60}** 

FULBRIGHT  
SCHOLARS  
ENROLLED

**1,608**

GRADUATE  
ASSISTANTSHIPS  
AWARDED

**320** DOCTORAL FELLOWS

**21%** UNDER-REPRESENTED  
GRADUATE STUDENTS

**1,408** INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



**55**

MASTER OF FINE ARTS  
FELLOWS

**4,170** 

GRADUATE STUDENTS  
ENROLLED



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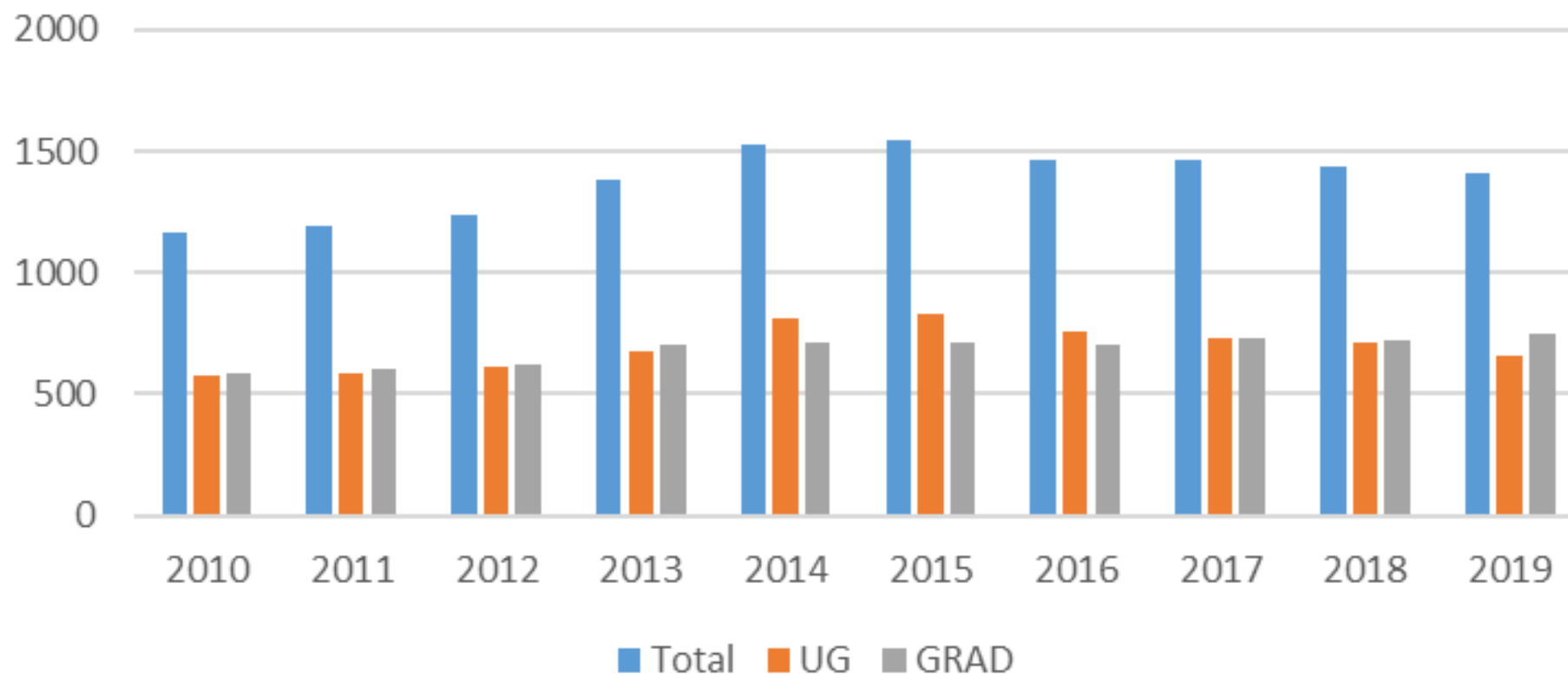
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## University of Arkansas International Student Enrollment Data



# Current Students

- Reality
  - Many lost jobs in the spring and summer job prospects were slim
  - Some could not return home / some returned home and are struggling to return
  - Most are studying / conducting research remotely while dealing with similar challenges as faculty and staff
- How are we supporting them?
  - Giving them a seat at the table
  - International Education Catastrophic Fund
  - Food Bank
  - *Five Things to Know* – communication and information on access to resources
  - Alternative campus jobs and increased number of summer research fellowships
  - Extension of GA positions and fellowships
  - Permission to work in their labs

# New Students

- Reality
  - Many will not get here at the start of the fall semester
  - Many could not complete standardized tests
- How are we supporting them?
  - Deferred admissions
  - Waiving of standardized tests and/or alternative tests
  - Holding GA slots
  - Communications and information on access to resources including COVID-19 protocols
  - Razorgrad Institute for Success and Engagement (RISE)
  - International student orientation