VCU 2020

Theme II, *Initiative 4:*

As VCU develops new graduate programs, concentrating on doctoral level education, it needs to **double the total number of graduate students** by 2020, **increase the proportion of full-time graduate students**, **provide funded assistantship opportunities** for at least 50 percent of doctoral students.

Theme III, *Initiative 7:*

Continue to strengthen the Graduate School through the **addition of new graduate programs** (particularly at the doctoral level), through the **expansion of and increases in graduate stipends**, and the **initiation of developmental programs designed to increase graduate student involvement in undergraduate student learning.**
Graduate School

Graduate Faculty - 1,122 full; 179 affiliate

Graduate Programs

- 24 Certificates; 74 Master’s; 37 Doctoral Degrees

Graduate Students – 7,401; 5,993 Degree seeking

- 55% Master’s, 20% Doctoral, 6% Certificate,
  19% Non-degree
- 64% Female, 34% Male
- 74% Resident, 26% Non-resident
- 18% Minority, 60% White, 9% International
- 57% Full-time, 43% Part-time
Graduate Admissions
2009

Certificate
- 68% Applications
- 72% Acceptances
- 1000 Enrolled

Master's
- 52% Applications
- 70% Acceptances
- 2000 Enrolled

Doctoral
- 27% Applications
- 72% Acceptances
- 1000 Enrolled
Matriculation Rate

- New York
- Kentucky
- Temple
- Florida State
- Virginia
- VCU 2003
- VCU 2007
- VCU 2008
- VCU 2009
- Massachusetts
- Iowa
- Louisville
- Univ. of Utah
- Virginia Tech
- Cincinnati
- Connecticut
- Oklahoma
- Arizona

Matriculation Rates:
- New York: 63%
- Kentucky: 68%
- Temple: 72%
- Florida State: 49%
- Virginia: 63%
- VCU 2003: 68%
- VCU 2007: 72%
GRE
Graduate Applications
Fall 2009

[Bar graph showing applications, admits, and enrollments for Verbal, Quant, and Total sections.]
Master’s Student Enrollment

September 29, 2009
Doctoral Student Enrollment

![Bar chart showing the number of doctoral student enrollment from 1993-94 to 2009-10. The enrollment gradually increases over the years, reaching a peak of 1,503 in 2009-10.]
Full-Time Graduate Student Enrollment

Year

Full-Time Graduate Enrollment

2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009

3,491
Full-time/Part-time Enrollment

2008

Master's
Doc

2009

Master's
Doc

Full time
Part time
PhD Student Enrollment and Sponsored Programs Dollars at VCU

Research $ (Millions)  PhD Enrollment

Research Dollars (Millions)

Fiscal Year
Master’s Degrees Conferred

September 29, 2009
PhD Degrees Conferred

- 145 degrees conferred in 2008-2009
New Graduate Degree Programs

- PhD in Social and Behavioral Health
- PhD in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
- PhD in Systems Modeling and Analysis
- PhD in Chemical Biology
- MS in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering
Pending Graduate Degree Programs

- PhD in Neuroscience
- EdD in Educational Leadership
- PhD in Literacy Studies
- Master of Management
- MS in Computer and Information Systems Security
Graduate School Initiatives

• Graduate Student Funding
  • Increase stipend levels for graduate assistantships
  • Add new graduate assistantships each year
  • Waive nonresident tuition for all new doctoral assistantships
  • Waive nonresident tuition for extramurally funded doctoral research assistantships
  • Waive nonresident tuition for all doctoral assistantships
  • Waive nonresident tuition for all graduate assistantships
  • Establish a reduced tuition for doctoral students
Graduate School Initiatives

- New Graduate Programs
  Ph.D.
  Professional Master’s
- Graduate Student Services
  Graduate Student Housing, Health Insurance
- Preparing Future Faculty
- Graduate Student Professional Development
- Policies and Procedures
Graduate Admissions

Mark Schaefermeyer, Assistant Dean

• Banner will be upgraded during October 15th to 19th. During this time, there will be no access to Banner, the Web Reporting Center, the ODS, etc. Applicants will not be able to submit online applications during the upgrade period.

• The VCU Graduate and Professional School Fair is scheduled for Thursday, October 1st in the Student Commons. There will be over 60 graduate and law schools represented at the fair.

www.graduate.vcu.edu/admission/prospective/recruitment/fair.html
Enrolled Student Services

Dr. Sherry Sandkam, Associate Dean

• Changes to the Preparing Future Faculty Program will be implemented the spring semester 2010. www.graduate.vcu.edu/programs/pff/index.html

• The graduation office will now be placing a certificate of achievement notation on student transcripts for students who have complete the PFF program.

• Degree audits were performed on August graduates in several programs. The major concern found was missing grades on student transcripts. Graduate Program Directors are encouraged to access the Banner Reporting Center and review reports for grades of “C”, “D”, “F” and “I” as well as missing grades.