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Graduate School

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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 – 1,103
Graduate Programs

  24 Certificates; 72 Master’s; 32 Doctoral Degrees

Graduate Students – 5,795

  68% Master’s, 25% Doctoral, 7% Certificate,
  64% Female, 35% Male
  74% Resident, 26% Non-resident
  19% Minority, 58% White, 10% International
  58% Full-time, 42% Part-time
Matriculation Rate

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

Matriculation Rate

63%
68%
49%
Master’s Student Enrollment

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Doctoral Student Enrollment

![Bar chart showing the number of doctoral students enrolled from 1993-94 to 2008-09. The enrollment increased from 600 in 1993-94 to 1,452 in 2008-09.]
Full-Time Graduate Student Enrollment

- 2008: 3500
- 2007: 3000
- 2006: 2500
- 2005: 2000
- 2004: 1500
- 2003: 1000
- 2002: 500
- 2001: 0
- 2000: 0

41% ↑
New Graduate Degree Programs

- Doctor of Occupational Therapy
- Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia
- PhD in Media, Art and Text
- PhD in Clinical Psychology
- PhD in Counseling Psychology
- PhD in Health Psychology
- PhD and MS in Clinical and Translational Sciences
- MS in Athletic Training
- MS in Medical Physics
- MA in Homeland Security
- MS in Addiction Studies
- MFA Kinetic Design
- EdS in Teacher Leadership
Pending Graduate Degree Programs

• PhD in Social and Behavioral Health
• PhD in Chemical Biology
• PhD in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
• PhD in Systems Modeling and Analysis
• PhD in Neuroscience
• EdD in Educational Leadership
• PhD in Literacy Studies
• MS in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering
• Master of Management
• MS in Computer and Information Systems Security
Graduate Assistantships - Peers

Doctoral Student Enrollment vs. Graduate Assistantships

- Graduate Assistantships: 0, 1,000, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000, 5,000
- Doctoral Student Enrollment: 0, 1,000, 2,000, 3,000, 4,000, 5,000, 6,000

Graph showing the relationship between Graduate Assistantships and Doctoral Student Enrollment.
PhD Student Enrollment and
Sponsored Programs Dollars at VCU

PhD Students

Research Funding

$150

$200

$250

$150

$200

$250

700 800 900 1000 1100 1200

PhD Students

September 17, 2008
PhD Student Enrollment and Sponsored Programs Dollars at VCU

- Research $ (Millions)
- PhD Enrollment

Research Dollars (Millions)

Fiscal Year

Headcount Enrollment

September 17, 2008
PhD Degrees Conferred
Minority Graduate Students

• VCU ranked 64th in the number of master’s degrees and 32nd in the number of doctoral degrees awarded to African American students.¹

• Over 10% of the PhD recipients at VCU were African American, while the national average for research extensive universities was 5.5%.²

• Currently, minority students comprise 20% of the graduate student population at VCU.

Graduate School Initiatives

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