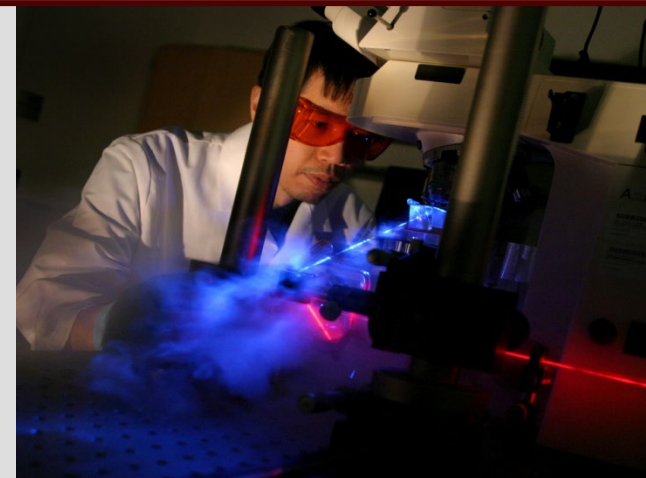


Office of Graduate and Professional Studies Overview



New Graduate Advisor Workshop
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*Associate Provost for
Graduate and
Professional Studies*

*Supports and promotes the
advancement of graduate
and professional studies at
Texas A&M University*

OGAPS Strategic Goals & Objectives

Strategic Goals and Objectives

1. Cultivate a diverse and globally aware graduate community

- ▶ Support college and department efforts to matriculate a diverse, high-quality graduate student population.



2. Enhance the graduate experiences and development of all graduate and professional students, personally and professionally

- ▶ Enhance and support graduate student high impact learning experiences consistent with *Aggies Commit to Learning for a Lifetime*, the University Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP).
- ▶ Promote and recognize graduate student success.



3. Practice intelligent stewardship of resources entrusted to the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies

- ▶ Provide unparalleled support services for success.
- ▶ Facilitate strategic resource allocation to advance programming excellence.

- ▶ Ensure public trust through efficient resource utilization, accountability, and transparency.

4. Lead and advance graduate education at Texas A&M University and throughout Texas and the nation

- ▶ Identify “best practices”, guidelines, and procedures in graduate education.
- ▶ Promote adoption of best practices and influence graduate education policies and procedures.



5. Create and nurture an office climate that leads to excellent performance and collegiality among staff

- ▶ Promote regular staff participation in professional development and training activities
- ▶ Foster a climate of involvement, respect, and transparency.



OGAPS Priorities and Initiatives

IT

Completed:

- Roll out the electronic student files via ImageNow to the departments/colleges
- Thesis templates, LaTeX and Word
- Customer service feedback mechanism to walk-ins, email, website, and graduate advisors



In progress:

- Next generation graduate student portal, including a new academic requirements completion system
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and online tutorials and tools.
- Enhance resources and support for off-campus and distance students, including a new distance student portal

OGAPS Priorities and Initiatives Processes



Nearing completion:

- Complete transition of nominations system, processing procedures, and database search to address new Graduate Committee Faculty membership guidelines

Ongoing:

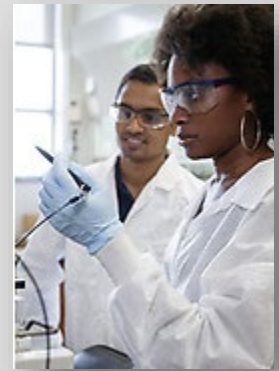
- Outreach to build positive relationships and enhance communications with graduate advisors.

Completed:

- Responsible Conduct of Research minimal training for graduate students
- Revise University Requirement for English Language Proficiency Certification, partner with CTE to provide language training resources for students, and create new college-level reports to assist with tracking ELP levels for all TAMU international graduate students.
- Expand participation in NSF-funded CIRTL @ TAMU and TAMUS E&S AGEP, and G.R.A.D. Aggies – professional development and student support initiatives

Ongoing:

- Disseminate findings from Spring 2016 Graduate Student Campus Climate Survey
- Continue to enhance coordinated recruiting efforts with colleges, departments, and faculty
- Continue to update to thesis and dissertation formatting requirements and streamlining of the review process
- Inclusion of cumulative GPAs on graduate transcripts and possible policy changes on how graduate GPAs are calculated.



268 Graduate Degree Programs

graduate and professional student council

brown bags graduate operations committee

registrar partners

tuition waivers

information technology

curricular processing

committee faculty

student data systems

graduate council

communications

fellowships

awards

workshops

assessment

CTE partners

admissions partners

graduate funding pools

language proficiency

international student service partners

http://ogaps.tamu.edu/calendars

Instructions on how to subscribe

Click headings to view the events

Description of each type of link

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Year-round Calendars

(includes Fall 2013, Spring 2014, and Summer 2014)

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- Open the file on your smart device and import the events into your device's native calendar application.
- Open the file on your computer and import the events into your computer's default mail and calendar application.

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PDF Document
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Calendar subscriptions are separated by term and type:

Terms

- Spring
- Summer
- Fall
- Academic Year

Types:

- OGAPS Events
- Master's Non-Thesis Option Dates & Deadlines
- Master's Thesis Option Dates & Deadlines
- Doctoral Dates & Deadlines
- Awards & Fellowship Dates & Deadlines
- **Graduate Advisor Brown Bags**
- Ask OGAPS Series
- Graduate Student Workshop Series



- *Review electronic thesis, dissertation and record of study documents for adherence to university guidelines*
- *Provide advice, preparation support and coordination for release of documents for public access*



Degree Requirements

DEN, DPH, EDD, MA, MAB, MAG, MAR, M
MIA, MID, MLA, MLP, MMR, MNR, M
MCS, MED, MEN, MER, MFA, M
MRE, MRR, MS, MUP, MWM, MWS, PHD

Records & Document Processing



Find 2018-2019 Recruiting Events posted on OGAPS website.

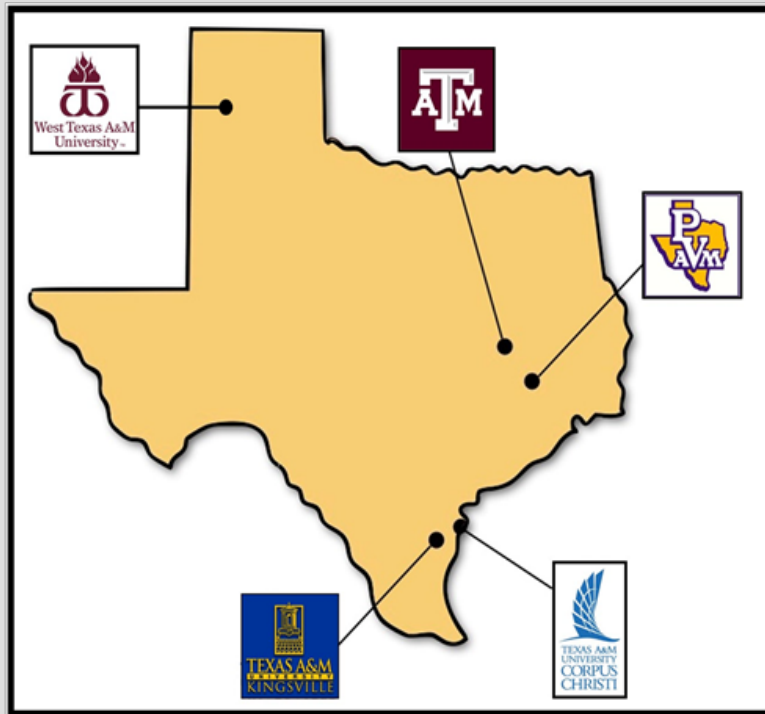
Simply enter 'Recruiting Events' in the search field.

- *Perform recruiting activities in coordination with programs*
- *Attract high-quality, diverse students*
- *Facilitate graduate student orientations*
- *Facilitate fellowship and award advising, selection, and processing*
- *Partner with faculties and student organizations to support success.*

NSF AGEP (Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate) Initiative

- *Facilitate alliance of Texas A&M System institutions*
- *Lead initiative to increase number of underrepresented minorities (URM) who complete doctoral degrees and continue on to the professoriate*
- *Offer activities and funding for alliance students*
- *Partners with units and organizations to support project goals*

TAMUS AGEP: Advancing STEM Graduate Education



URM graduate program including
5 TAMU System institutions

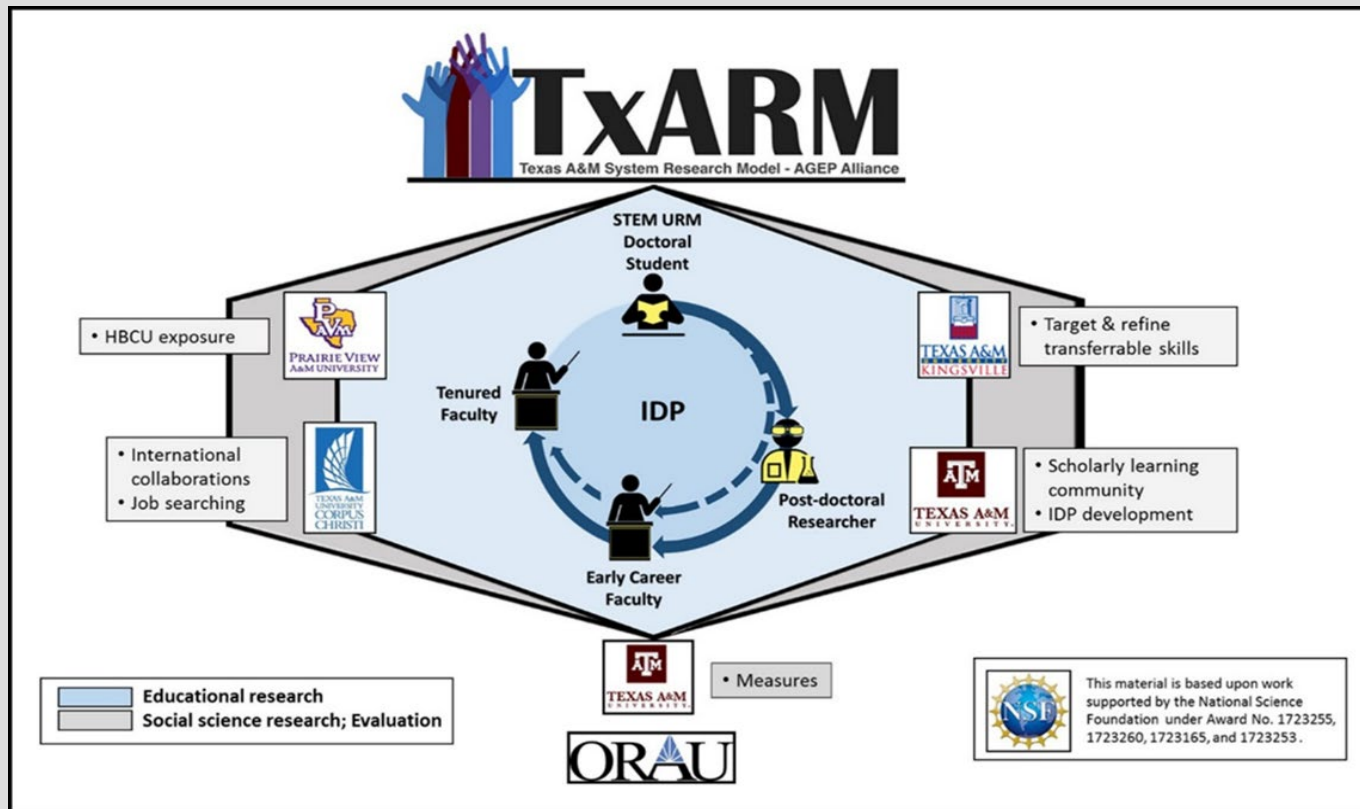


Goal: Increase the number of
successful URM STEM faculty (or
competitive postdocs) at U.S.
universities and colleges.

Since 2013, Alliance has
supported career and professional
development of 84 PhD and 84
Master's students, and 43
graduate programs

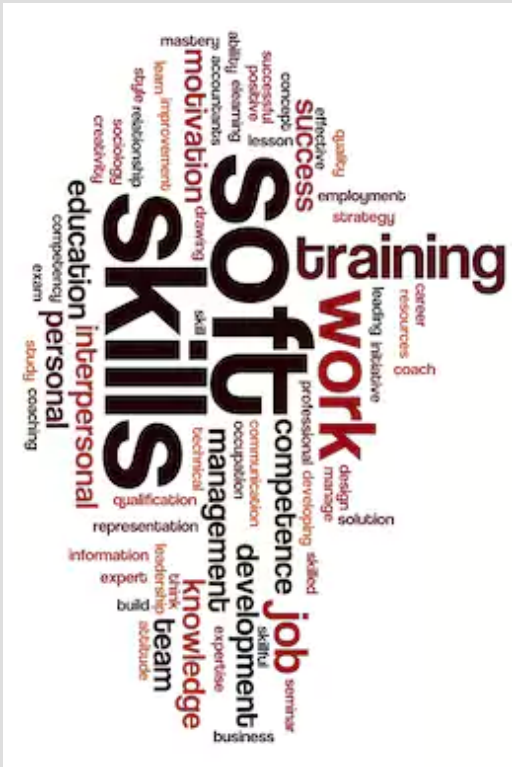
12 PhD Graduates placed into
post-doctoral and faculty positions

TxARM – Texas A&M System Research Model – AGEP Alliance



Goal:

To develop, implement and study a model of STEM doctoral degree completion and the transition to successful postdoctoral fellowships and faculty careers for historically under-represented minorities.



- *Administer professional development activities and workshops*
- *Partner with colleges and non-academic units on development initiatives*
- *Oversee G.R.A.D. Aggies and its activities*
- *Coordinate and confer professional development certificates*
- *Oversees Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) and its activities*
- *Coordinates 3-Minute Thesis competition*

Ombuds Officer

- *Assist students, faculty, staff and administrators to informally solve conflicts*
- *Confidential listener, not an advocate*
- *Provide advice to those voluntarily seeking it with respect and dignity*

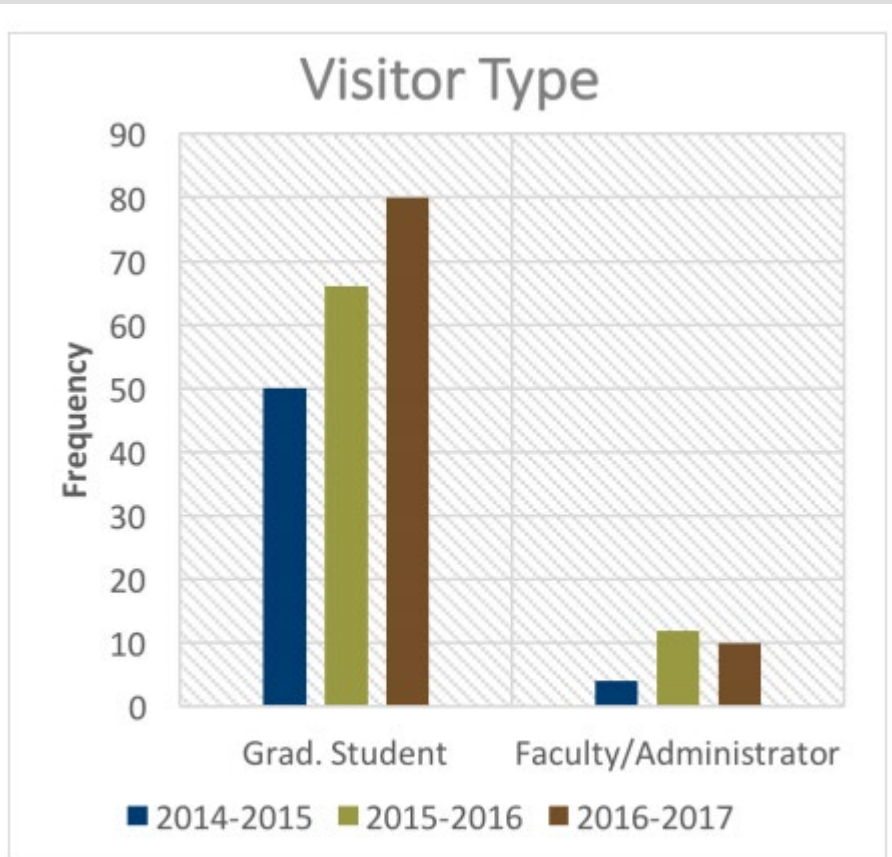


Figure 1. Type of visitors who approached Ombuds.

Issues of Concern

- Grade Dispute
- Authorship/Intellectual Property
- Change Committee
- Workload/Assignment of Duties
- Other Degree Requirements
- Dissertation/Thesis Requirements
- Unfair treatment/Difficult Relations
- Probation/Suspension/Dismissal
- Other

Graduate Student Well Being: Resources

OFFICES OF THE DEAN OF **STUDENT LIFE** DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

- ✓ Harassment and discrimination
- ✓ Sexual harassment and assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and related retaliation

Also offers other services:

- ✓ Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center
- ✓ New Student and Family Programs
- ✓ Off-Campus Student Services
- ✓ Student Legal Services
- ✓ Women's Resource Center

Student Counseling Service DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

- ✓ Personal Counseling
- ✓ Addiction
- ✓ Couples Counseling
- ✓ Crisis Intervention
- ✓ Group Counseling
- ✓ Psychiatric Services
- ✓ Self-Help, Outreach, Consultation



G.R.A.D

Aggies

Graduate Resources and Development

- ✓ Workshops
- ✓ Seminars
- ✓ Training



Graduate Ombuds Officer

- ✓ Discuss concerns
- ✓ Identify solutions
- ✓ Plan path forward



Graduate Advisor Brown Bags 2018 - 2019

Schedule Coming Soon! Watch your e-mail

***Examples of previous
topics covered:***

- Graduate Catalog Updates
- Understanding Graduate Committee Faculty
- Obtaining the Graduate Student Data You Need
- Fellowship Nomination Information



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