Faculty luncheon: Mentoring graduate students
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Graduate Education at UAF

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Why is graduate education important?

• For many fields, education beyond the baccalaureate is a requirement.

• Graduate students are part of the continuum in our academic community, from undergraduates to senior faculty.

• It is through your graduate students that you are likely to make your greatest contribution to the future, both in Alaska and beyond.

• Graduate education and the associated research enterprise is the distinguishing feature of UAF in the University of Alaska System.
Graduate enrollments

Number of graduate students (2011)

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US Dept of Ed
PhDs

PhDs granted (May 2013)

UAA  UAF  UAS

0  50  0
Federal research expenditures (FY12)

Expenditures by MAU (Millions of $)

- UAF: $107
- UAA: $11
- UAS: $1

Olson et al, 2012
UAF: good news

Graduate degrees awarded by academic year

Academic year


Number of degrees

0 50 100 150 200 250 300 350

Master
Doctoral
Total
UAF: more good news

% Doctoral of all graduate student

0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35% 40%

UAF: caution

New graduate students by academic year

Number of students
Academic year

Master
Doctoral
Total
Carnegie classification:
A research university with high activity

We offer graduate students a unique perspective of a rapidly changing world.
Office of the Graduate School

Laura Bender, Director
What Do We Really Do?

• We handle a lot of paperwork!

• All application decisions are approved by the Graduate Dean after the departmental review process has occurred.

• Most graduate student forms are approved by the Dean and filed in the Graduate School.

• We review all theses and dissertations for correct format.

• We post all tuition and fee payment awards (RA, TA, Fellowships, etc) to student’s account during fee payment. (This fall we posted 515 tuition awards.)
There’s more...

- We track all Research Assistantships, Teaching Assistantship, and Fellowships.

- We find outside examiners for Ph.D. students (required for all Ph.D. oral comprehensive exams and dissertation defenses).

- We coordinate workshops
  - Thesis Formatting Workshop
  - New Student Orientation

- We provide statistics on graduate students for departments and UAF administration.

- We fund thesis/dissertation completion fellowships and we provide travel grants for graduate students.
Path to Graduation
The first year

* During the first semester the student should file an Appointment of Committee form.

* By the end of the first year they should file a Graduate Study Plan.

* To remain in good standing an “Annual Report” is to be on file EVERY year by May 15th.
The second year and beyond:

* Report on Comprehensive Exam
* Advancement to Candidacy
* Graduate Petition Form
* Report on Thesis/Dissertation/Project Defense
* Format check of thesis
* Student cleared to graduate
New Requirements

* Thesis/Dissertations uploaded to UMI/ProQuest
  - New formatting guidelines in place
  - No more thesis paper copies required

* Copies of ALL PROJECTS now must be submitted to the Graduate School before the student will be cleared to graduate. Projects will be archived in ScholarWorks@UA.
Graduate School
Listserves

• https://lists.alaska.edu:8025/mailman/admin/gradacademic-l

• https://lists.alaska.edu:8025/mailman/listinfo/gradschool-l
Graduate School Web Site

- [http://www.uaf.edu/gradsch/](http://www.uaf.edu/gradsch/)
- **Student Info**
  - *Calendar of Events/Deadlines*
  - News/Announcements/Workshops
  - Forms
  - Student Handbook
  - Thesis Format Handbook
- **Faculty and Staff Info**
  - Info for Outside Examiners
  - Faculty and Staff Handbooks