

# GRADUATE SCHOOL

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Graduate education explores and advances knowledge boundaries and re-defines the state-of-the-art in every discipline. A master's degree will improve a person's expertise in their given field while a doctoral degree will promote original research that advances the current knowledge in the field.

The mission of the Graduate School is to improve and advance graduate education at the University of Montana. Our graduate programs train the next generation of scholars and enable the generation of new knowledge that will contribute to the scientific, economic and cultural needs of the state, the nation and the global community in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The Graduate School carries out its mission through student advocacy, promotion of diversity and inclusivity, promotion of research, and development of dynamic, synergistic paths for education.

The Graduate School administers admission to masters and doctoral graduate programs at the University of Montana. Questions about specific programs should be directed to the appropriate college or school. There are currently 83 different graduate programs at the University of Montana that provide curricula for Master's, Educational Specialist, and Doctoral degrees. A complete list of programs is found in the Graduate School webpage (<http://www.umt.edu/grad/Programs/default.php>) and on the Degree and Majors webpage (<http://www.umt.edu/academics/degrees-and-majors>). The Skaggs School of Pharmacy (<http://health.umt.edu/pharmacy>), the School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science (<http://health.umt.edu/physicaltherapy>), and the School of Law (<http://www.umt.edu/law>) administer the Professional Doctorates in Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and Juris Doctor, respectively.

Applicants complete an online application, providing the information required by the graduate program of interest. Official test scores are sent to the Graduate School, while transcripts are sent to the program. Many, but not all, graduate programs have a specific application deadline. Each program has an admissions committee that evaluates the application, and the committee's final decision is forwarded as a recommendation to the Graduate School. The applicant then receives an electronic decision letter from the Graduate School.

Please refer to the graduate school website (<http://www.umt.edu/grad>) for degree programs offered. For further questions, please call us at 406-243-2572 (<http://catalog.umt.edu/colleges-schools-programs/graduate-school/tel:406-243-2572>) or via email at [grad.school@umontana.edu](mailto:grad.school@umontana.edu).