



**KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY**

VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Mission Statement of Graduate Studies

- The mission of the Graduate Studies programs at Kentucky State University shall provide an enriching academic environment for the development of leaders with the expertise to address complex challenges domestically and globally, through advanced education and research.

Vision Statement of Graduate Studies

The Vision of the Graduate Studies Department is to be recognized as a leader in graduate education with a domestic & global perspective in developing our students and programs.

Goals for Graduate Studies

Kentucky State University Graduate Studies strives to maintain the highest quality graduate programs and excellence among graduate faculty and students. The Graduate Programs seek to recruit students of high potential, readiness, and motivation for success in graduate studies and, following graduation, continued professional accomplishment. In support of these broad goals, the following measurable goals are specified based on the University's strategic goals:

Goal #1-Increase graduate enrollment and diversity

Strategies/Tactics:

Targeted Recruitment Campaigns: Develop outreach initiatives aimed at underrepresented and international student populations through virtual fairs, alumni networks, and HBCU partnerships

Graduate Program Ambassadors: Establish a student ambassador program to engage prospects through peer testimonials, Q&A sessions, and social media podcasts.

Streamline Admissions Process: Simplify application procedures, enhance advisor responsiveness, and introduce rolling admissions were feasible

Goal #2- Enhance Academic Excellence and Program Relevance

Strategies/Tactics:

Curriculum Review and Update: Conduct annual program audits to align curricula with industry trends, emerging technologies, and social needs

Faculty Development and Support: Offer training in graduate-level pedagogy, interdisciplinary research, and mentoring best practices.

Expand Applied Learning Opportunities: Increase internships, capstone projects, and partnerships with local, state, and federal organizations.

Goal #3- Improve Student Success and Post Graduate Outcomes

Strategies/Tactics:

Graduate Student Success Center: Launch a dedicated support hub offering academic advising, thesis/dissertation coaching, and wellness services.

Career Readiness Programming: Integrate resume writing, interview preparation, and networking events tailored for graduate students.

Alumni Mentorship Network: Connect students with alumni working in relevant fields to provide guidance, job leads, and professional development support

Core Values of Graduate Studies

- Academic Excellence
- Integrity & Ethical Leadership
- Innovation and Inquiry
- Community Engagement
- Lifelong Learning & Professional Growth