Dean’s Message

I’ve been through more than two decades of fall semesters, and yet every year I am still surprised by how much enthusiasm and energy I feel when our new and returning students converge on campus at the end of the summer. This fall we have had 1072 new master’s and 291 new doctoral students entering graduate programs here at BYU. These students come from 47 different states within the US and from 54 countries. I hope you will join me in welcoming these new graduate students to our campus community.

We have updated several of our electronic resources for graduate programs recently, including a major refresh of our website and the implementation of Slate for graduate applications and admissions. Our Graduate Progress online tracking system has now been in place for more than two years. With all these resources, we welcome your feedback to help us improve them to better serve your needs. You may send suggestions to gradstudies@byu.edu.

We have new events planned this fall that focus on our graduate students and graduate faculty. On Saturday, October 22, we are partnering with the University Writing Center to offer a graduate student thesis/dissertation writing bootcamp. This one-day event will be a great opportunity for graduate students to practice and improve their writing for these culminating works. In conjunction with the Faculty Center, we will also hold a lunchtime training workshop for new graduate faculty. Individuals who have recently received graduate faculty status can choose to attend the workshop on either Wednesday, November 16, or Thursday, November 17.

Throughout this newsletter, you’ll see other ways that Graduate Studies is excited to work with you in making your graduate programs the best they can be. Thanks for all you do to support graduate education at BYU!

Best regards,

Adam T. Woolley
Dean of Graduate Studies
Graduate Studies Updates

2022–2023
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Graduate Studies Belonging fellowships

10 2022–2023 awardees

- 70% Female Students
- 60% First-generation College Students
- 7 Master's Degrees 2 PhDs

7 Programs of Study

- Public Health
- Chemistry
- Counseling Psychology
- Marriage & Family Therapy
- MBA
- Religious Education
- Social Work

Racial Diversity

- Black or African American
- Hispanic
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White

70% International Students from 6 countries

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Belonging  Mishelle Kehoe  gss.belonging.delegate@byu.edu
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**Meet Our Newest Graduate Studies Staff Member**

**Leslie Toone**  
Data Analyst

Leslie Toone is a data analyst skilled in exploratory data analysis, data visualization, statistical modeling, and machine learning. Leslie was raised in Ogden, Utah, and has also spent many summers and attended school in Marseille, France. Leslie received both bachelor and master’s degrees from Utah State University in statistics. She has worked as a business analyst for Novell and a research associate for the Cache County Study on Memory Health and Aging. Leslie married her husband Jared in the Logan Temple in 2000 and they are the parents of four children. Leslie’s most cherished and transformative role has been as a stay-at-home mother for over 14 years.
Thank you for all the work you do for the graduate students in your respective programs; it is truly appreciated. We have an important deadline coming up: student evaluations. Evaluations are due September 30th. Graduate Studies policy states all graduate students must be evaluated at least twice each year (unless they are admitted in Winter or Spring/Summer blocks (one evaluation is required)). Please work with your faculty to make sure each of your graduate students has been evaluated twice between September 2021 and August 2022.
Recruiting Events

Utah Graduate Schools Fair

October 17, 2022 | Utah Valley University
10:00 am–2:00 pm

October 18, 2022 | Brigham Young University
12:00 pm–4:00 pm

October 19, 2022 | Utah State University
10:00 am–2:00 pm

October 20, 2022 | Weber State University
10:00 am–2:00 pm

October 25, 2022 | Southern Utah University
10:00 am–2:00 pm

October 26, 2022 | Utah Tech University (Formerly Dixie State University)
10:00 am–2:00 pm

Click here for more information about registering.

BYU Hawaii

BYU Hawaii is holding their Fall Career and Graduate School Fair on October 13th from 10am–1pm.

All graduate programs are invited to attend. They have waived the registration fee and you can sign up here. If your department is interested in recruiting more diverse candidates who are already committed to abiding by the honor code and ecclesiastical endorsement, have a U.S. bachelor’s degree and English proficiency then this is an excellent event for you to attend.

If you have any other questions concerning this event then you are encouraged to contact Kenneth.kalama@byuh.edu in the Career Services Department at BYUH (808) 675-3244.

BYU Idaho

Fall Semester Career Market Schedule — Every Thursday, September 29 through November 17, 2022 1–4 p.m.

Instead of a traditional career fair, the BYU-Idaho Career Center is now hosting a series of Career Market events or mini fairs.

Organizations can reserve booth spaces set up in the Career Center lobby in the Manwaring Student Center.

There will be 15 different organizations each week.

Potential Fall 2022 BYU Virtual Graduate School Fair

BYU Graduate Studies is offering to host a combined virtual graduate school fair or individual program event during Fall via Brazen.

If your graduate department is interested in participating in a free combined or individual virtual event please contact logan_gillette@byu.edu.
Time to Update Your Email Communication

September is a great time to update your email communications in Slate, Outlook, and email managers. Many of you are using Slate mailings for the Initial Response campaign which are automatically sent when potential applicants express interest in your program. We have noticed that most of these continuously running email messages contain important dates and deadlines that are no longer valid as well as pointers to other outdated materials. Slate mailings is a powerful and efficient tool that works great, but your mailings need to be updated at least once or twice a year. Since Slate mailings are used by most departments, please update the email templates as soon as possible. Graduate Studies can assist you if you have questions or need help.

Slate

Now that the new 2023–2024 application cycle is open and accepting applications, graduate departments should be checking their applicant pools in the new application system called SLATE.

Please make sure that you review the SLATE training materials available on our Graduate Studies website under the Faculty and Staff tab/faculty and staff resources/slate tutorials or click here to learn more about how you go about using SLATE so you can vet and admit your applicants in a timely manner.

Any graduate program managers or coordinators who are interested in receiving further SLATE training can email logan_gillette@byu.edu.

Email Design

As mentioned above most of your departments are using an initial response email sent by Slate when someone expresses interest in your program. Nearly all these email templates are still using the default image and outline that was not intended as the final email template. Over the next several months our training and workshops will focus on email and campaigns, but here are some things to consider now.

Design Considerations

- Construct a personalized experience for the recipient.
  - Consider using images of professors and or students.
  - The imagery of learning environments.
- Provide details about the university and what the BYU graduate experience unique.
- Design with engagement in mind.
- Use short subject lines.
- Break up the text.
- Center the Call to Action (CTA).
Admissions Tips

If any of your newly admitted graduate students need to defer their admission (before the add/drop deadline) to a future semester because of missionary deployment, military deployment, medical reasons, or visa issues please have them initiate the appropriate deferment form (click here and select admissions/deferment forms).

Any admitted applicants who have not registered for classes and decide to withdraw before the add/drop deadline will need to contact Graduate Studies to be formally withdrawn. If they do not contact graduate studies and never register for classes, they will be automatically terminated from the program after the add/drop deadline.

Any admitted applicants who register for classes but subsequently decide to withdraw after the add/drop deadline will need to officially petition to terminate from the program or consider applying for a leave of absence.

LATE APPLICANTS: Any applicant who applies after your published graduate program application deadline may start their application online (i.e. upload their application materials which you can also view in SLATE) but they cannot officially submit their application for you to formally consider unless your department first completes an online Petition for Exception on their behalf.
Graduate Studies Website Refresh

Have you seen the newly updated Graduate Studies Website? https://gradstudies.byu.edu/

Graduate Studies has refreshed and reorganized the website in order to make it an easier to navigate, helpful resource for both students and graduate staff and administrators. There are also some new resources available to help you as you work with graduate students. Be sure and check out the Faculty and Staff tab located on the home page to locate these helpful resources.
Reviewing the 2023 rankings for the best graduate schools, Brigham Young University is once again among the top contenders. BYU’s J. Reuben Clark Law School reached its highest ranking to date—bumping up six spots from last year to come in at No. 23 for 2023.

BYU’s Marriott School of Business also placed in the Top-50 program ranks. The MBA program secured the No. 36 spot and the MPA program was at No. 49.

Six additional BYU graduate programs ranked among the Top 100 in their disciplines:
- Speech Language Pathology (No. 63)
- Nursing (No. 68)
- Education (No. 84)
- Mathematics (No. 91)
- Computer Science (No. 99)
- Chemistry (No. 100)

Two graduate programs barely missed the list. Falling just short of the Top 100 in their categories are the following:
- Clinical Psychology (No. 101)
- Engineering (No. 102)

Click here for more information!
2022 New Graduate Student Statistics

BYU | New Graduate Students 2022

2,834 Applicants
51% of Applicants Admitted (1,445)
93% of Admitted Enrolled (1,348)

22% PhD
80% Masters

Enrolled Students by College

- Marriott School of Business: 494 (37%)
- J. Reuben Clark Law School: 145 (11%)
- David O. McKay School of Education: 136 (10%)
- College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences: 128 (9%)
- College of Life Sciences: 125 (9%)
- Ira A. Fulton College of Engineering: 124 (9%)
- College of Family, Home, and Youth: 93 (7%)
- College of Humanities: 54 (4%)
- College of Fine Arts and Communication: 30 (2%)
- Religious Education: 21 (2%)
- College of Nursing: 10 (1%)

Top Feeder Schools

- Brigham Young University Provo: 43%
- Brigham Young University Idaho: 8%
- Brigham Young University Hawaii: 8%
- University of Utah: 3%
- Utah Valley University: 3%
- Utah State University: 3%
- Weber State University: 1%
- Southern Utah University: 1%
- Arizona State University: 1%

Diversity

- Gender: 55% Male, 45% Female
- Religion: 95% Church of Jesus Christ, 5% Other Faith
**AGE**

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**Min. Age** 21  
**Median Age** 25  
**Max. Age** 66

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**BY COUNTRY**

14% International  
54 Countries

**TOP 5 COUNTRIES**

- United States of America: 1,154 (80%)
- Brazil: 16 (1%)
- China, People's Republic: 15 (1%)
- Canada: 13 (1%)
- Mexico: 12 (1%)

**BY STATE**

47 States

**TOP 5 STATES**

- UT: 454 (34%)
- CA: 125 (9%)
- AZ: 65 (5%)
- ID: 62 (5%)
- WA: 46 (3%)