



# University Senate: Report from The Graduate School (TGS)

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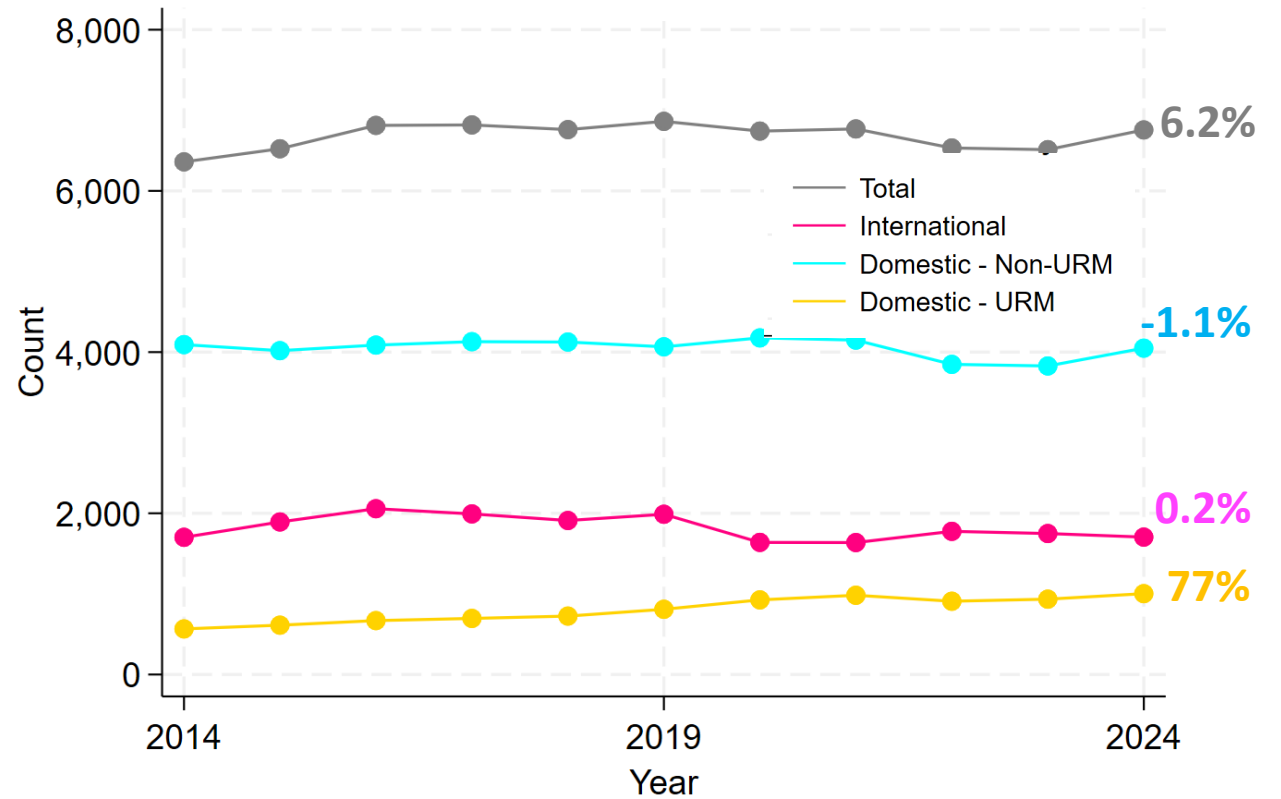
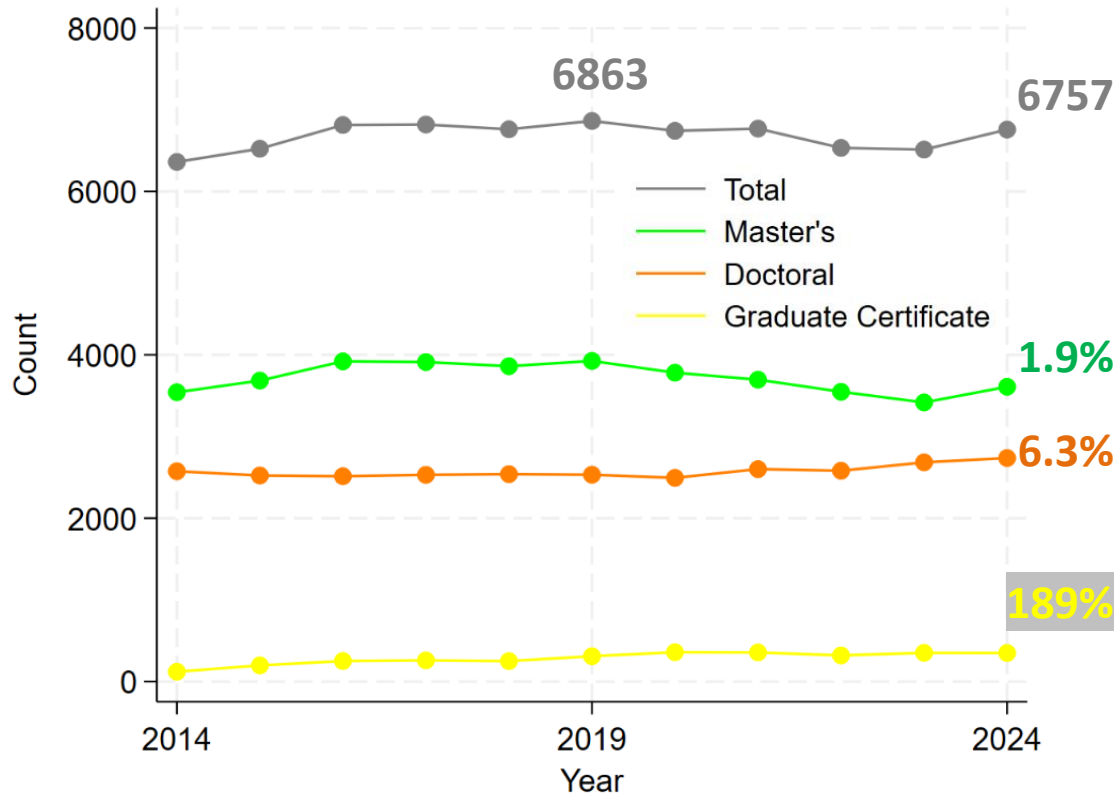
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# Graduate Program Enrollment (FA 10<sup>TH</sup> Day)

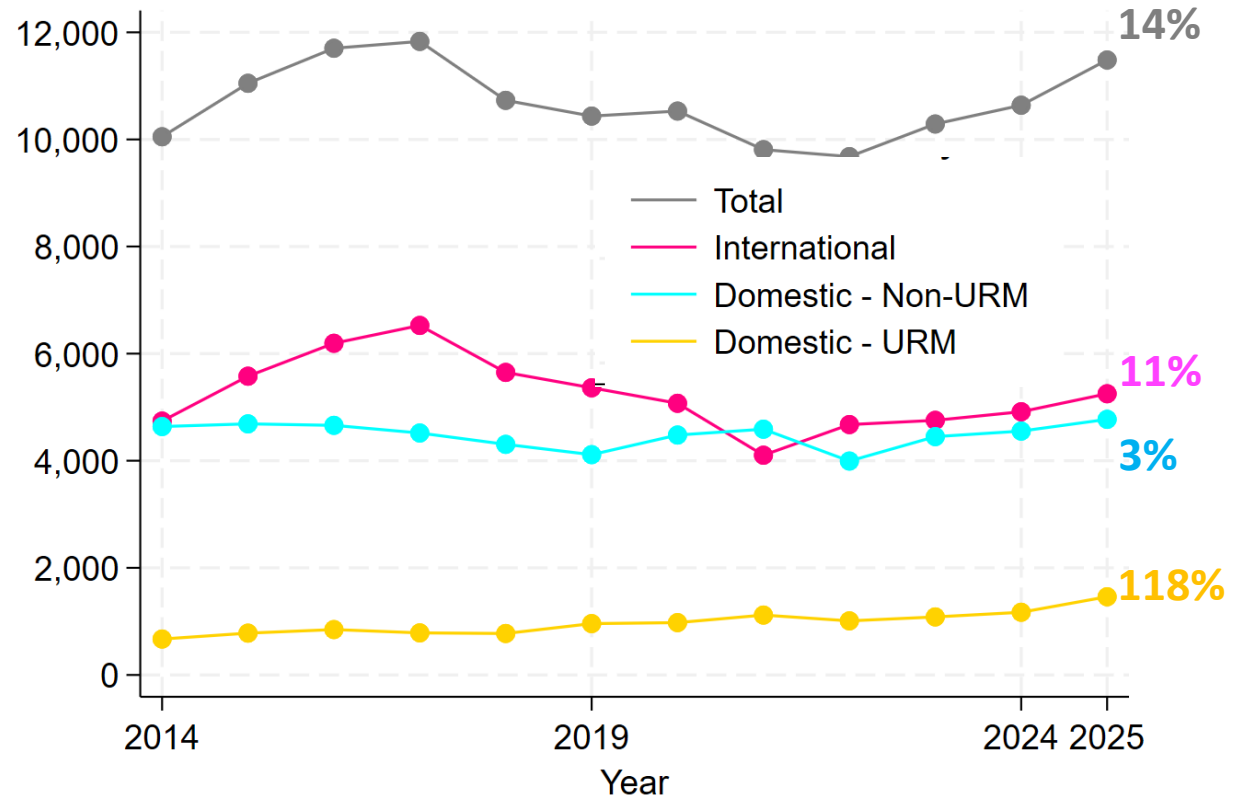
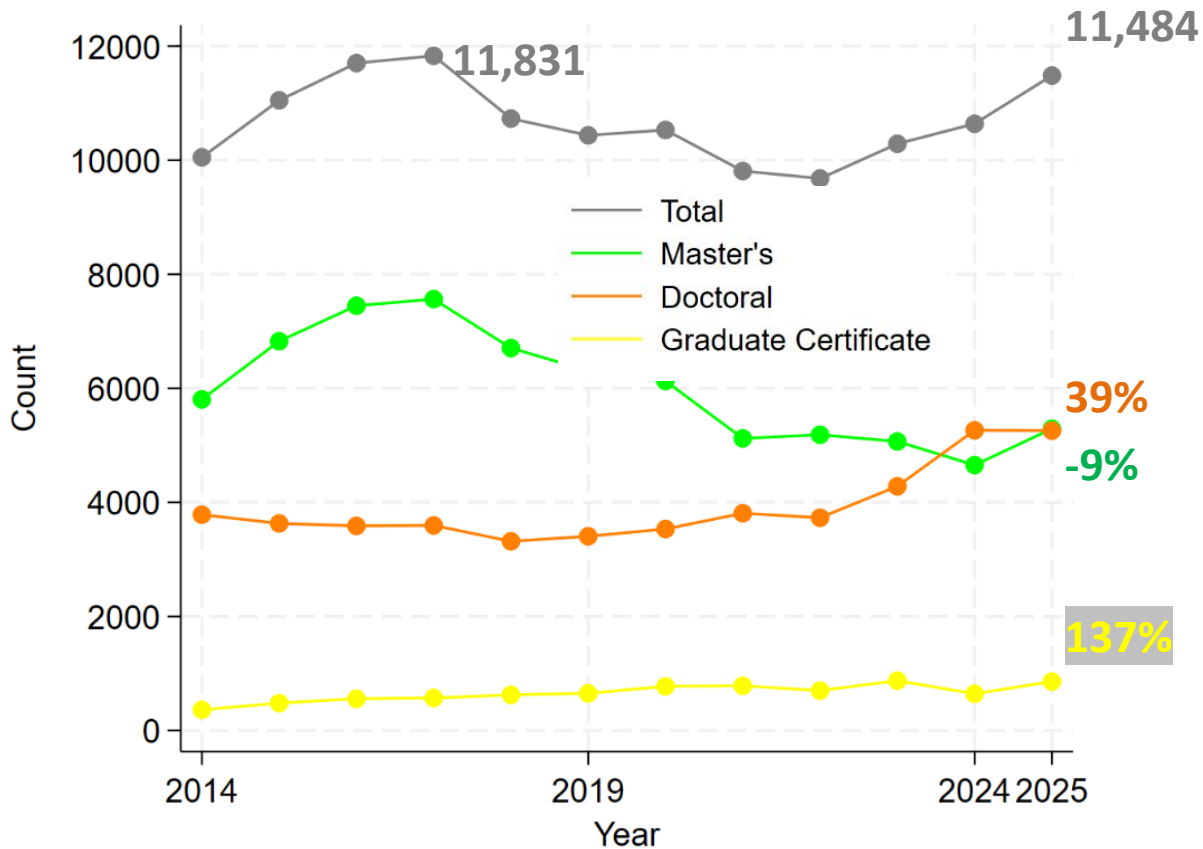
	Fall 2023		Fall 2024		Change (%)	
	Master's	PhD	Master's	PhD	Master's	PhD
Agriculture & Natural Resources	259	265	266	262	2.7%	-1.1%
Business	1,388	44	1268	42	-8.6%	-4.5%
Education	300	177	328	174	9.3%	-1.7%
Engineering	315	606	345	615	9.5%	1.5%
Fine Arts	69	26	70	24	1.4%	-7.7%
Interdisciplinary	38	1	107	11	182%	1000%
Liberal Arts & Sciences	396	1,187	429	1,205	8.3%	1.5%
Nursing	214	127	252	138	18%	8.7%
Pharmacy		53		56		5.7%
Social Work	286	25	408	25	43%	0.0%
UConn Health	138	173	139	185	0.7%	6.9%
Total	3,403	2,684	3,612	2,737	6.1%	2%
Total	6,087		6,349		4.3%	

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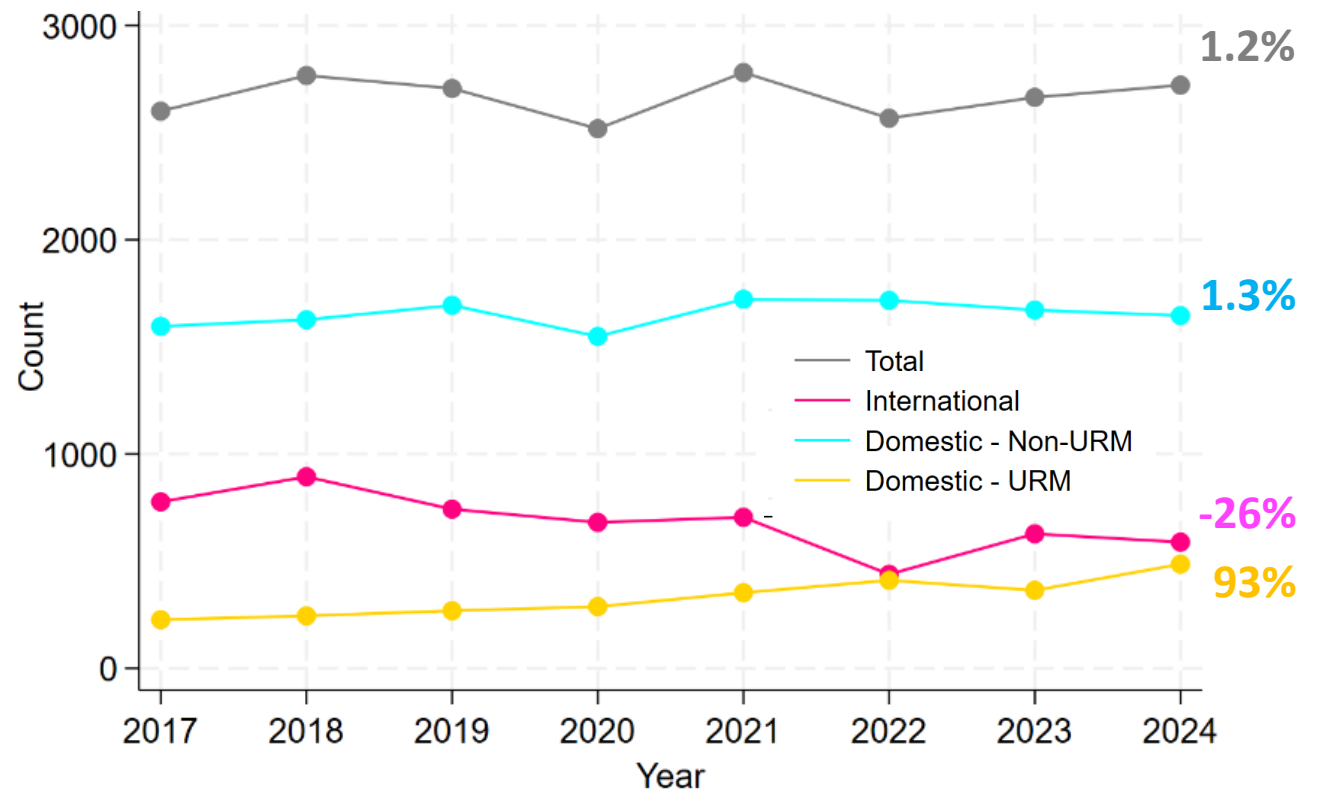
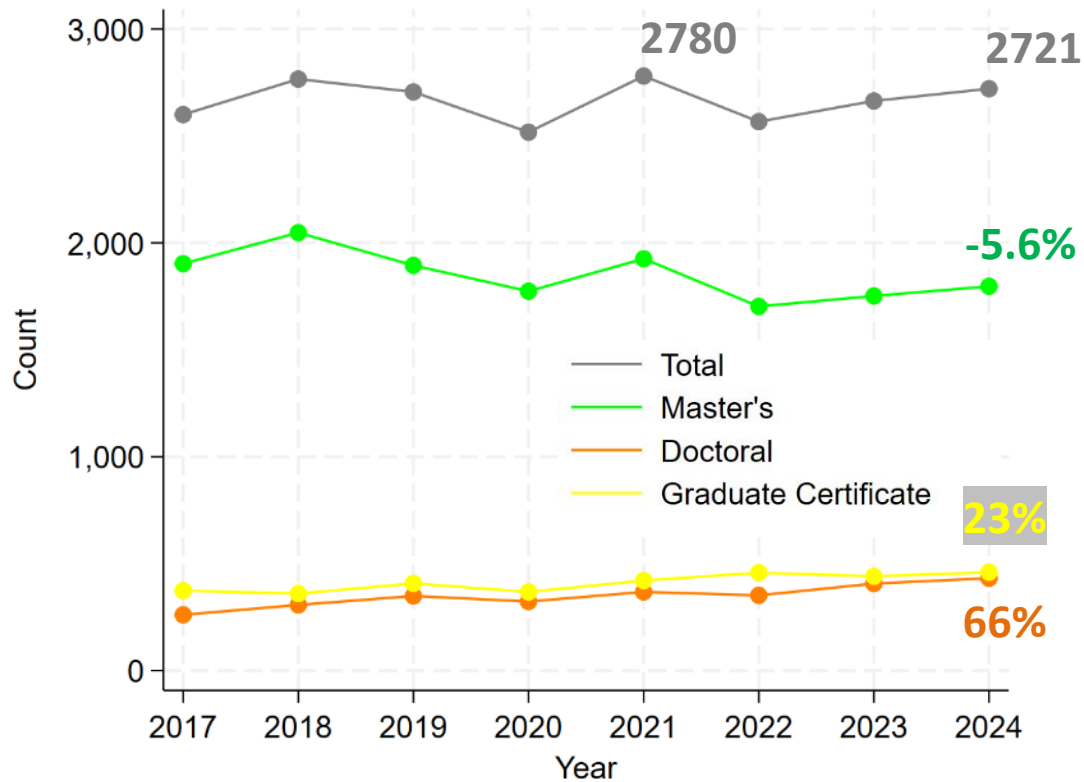
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# Graduate Program Applications (AY24 = Su/Fa23 + Sp24)



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# Graduate Program Completions (AY24 = Su/Fa23 + Sp24)



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# What we do for Graduate Programs

## Key Areas of Work:

- ☑ Via **Graduate Faculty Council (GFC)**, set general policies, standards for Grad Ed.
- ☑ Via **Executive Committee (EC) of TGS**, review & approve program & course actions.
- ☑ Communicate policies, guidance, & share best practices.
- ☑ Support faculty & staff who work with graduate students.
- ☑ Support 3<sup>rd</sup> party grad application feeds.

## ...but we do not

- ✗ Initiate new graduate programs or courses.
- ✗ Get involved with program budgets.
- ✗ Advertise or market specific graduate programs.

# Associate Deans of TGS



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# What we do for Graduate Faculty

## Key Areas of Work:

- Appoints graduate faculty to specific graduate programs (i.e., MS, PhD).
- Provides free, FUN, and mandatory 8 hr “CIMER” mentor training for new faculty.
- Produced Mentor/Mentee Guides & template for annual academic performance reviews.
- Lead graduate education initiatives and promote capacity building, incl. grant writing.

## ...but we do not

- Hire or review faculty.
- Set faculty teaching assignments.
- Provide funding for GAs.



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Mentor Guide



NEM Info/signup

# What we do for Graduate Students

## Key Areas of Work:

- ☑ Support graduate application, admission, & recruitment process through Slate CRM.
- ☑ Process grad apps; admits; & matriculations.
- ☑ Grad student on-boarding & admin support.
- ☑ **Advocates for grads and offers problem-solving help at personal & org. levels.**
- ☑ **Distributes ~ \$4M/yr for grad fellowships.**
- ☑ Supports payroll & benefits for fellows.

## ...but we do not

- ✗ Receive any application fees.
- ✗ Make admissions decisions.
- ✗ Replicate int'l, academic, & career advising essential for grad student success.

# Graduate Student Support at TGS



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# TGS: Summary of Recent Initiatives

- **“Timely Topics”** (Petsa)
  - Fall ‘24 Fac/Admin Track: 8 sessions; avg 56/session.
  - Student Track: 4 sessions; 181 unique sign-ups.
- **Mentoring** (Bernstein)
  - Mentor/Mentee guides.
  - Faculty training: trained 50 faculty; 30 pending.
  - Established NEM.
- **Emergency Loans** (Bresciano)
  - Many grads ineligible for GSS or DOS STELF loans.
  - TGS: max \$2k; interest-free; payback in 90 days.
- **Future of Fellowships** (Shor)
  - 23 “Distinguished Graduate Fellows” (\$5k/ea) selected.
  - 12-14 “Impact Scholars” (\$50k/ea) to be named 2/7.



**Thank You!**