Graduate research is essential to MSU’s land-grant commitment to discover, create and share knowledge. Investing in graduate education bestows a legacy of innovation and economic prosperity for future generations.
ADVANCING GROUNDBREAKING RESEARCH.

Graduate students are critical members of MSU research teams. Working side-by-side with faculty and staff to formulate ideas and problem-solve, students participate at all levels of collaborative efforts that lead to important breakthroughs in research.

Merit-based fellowships for outstanding graduate students ease the financial burden of a graduate education.

CATALYST FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

The Graduate School urges students to become citizen scholars gaining and creating knowledge and skills that address pressing state and national needs. Its programs encourage collaboration and reward creativity and risk-taking as vital elements of innovative ventures.

As a catalyst for economic growth with a deep commitment to advancing the state’s needs, graduate education at MSU prepares students who get jobs and create jobs for Montana.
ANDREA STEWARD

Andrea Steward didn’t start out intending to go to graduate school. She was the first person in her family to go to college, so earning an undergraduate degree seemed rewarding enough.

Originally a business major, Steward shifted direction after taking biology and organic chemistry courses. It was a conversation with her organic chemistry professor that turned her toward nutritional science. She became fascinated with how nutrition and exercise make a big difference in people’s lives and decided to pursue a master’s degree in MSU’s exercise physiology and nutrition program.

Steward is currently working with MSU Professor of Health & Human Performance, Dr. Mary Miles, investigating if the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages offsets glycemic control benefits normally generated by exercise in individuals who are moderately obese.

She wants to help people live healthy lifestyles and, if possible, without prescribed medications. Steward said, “My goal is to improve the quality of life for people by proactively teaching the vital balance between food and exercise.”

AT THE FRONTIERS OF KNOWLEDGE CREATION.

MSU’s research enterprise is fueled by the scholarship of skilled graduate students and has helped Montana State earn a “very high research activity” classification by the Carnegie Foundation. While other universities strive for inclusion in this elite list of 108 universities, MSU already has what it takes to reach the top-tier. This places our graduate education at the frontiers of knowledge creation and unimagined possibilities.

New and expanded fellowship opportunities will attract talented and motivated students to MSU. And travel awards will offer students a chance to share their research and scholarship, to connect with scientists and scholars and to help recruit future graduate students.
Dear alumni and friends,

Knowledge has the ability to shape the world of tomorrow and graduate education is a primary mode for making that happen. At MSU, we strive to make sure that graduate education is meaningful and relevant so that our graduates are well prepared to become the scientists, engineers, nurses, educators, agronomists and artists of tomorrow.

Graduate students play an essential role in conducting cutting-edge research, assisting in teaching and making significant contributions to their fields of study. As a driving force behind our university’s research enterprise, graduate education is key to helping MSU sustain its prestigious “very high research activity” classification.

Financial support of graduate education allows MSU graduate students to produce transformative research, make scholarly contributions and generate new knowledge that influence the future.

Your philanthropic gift to graduate education will help our students to achieve their dreams and to have positive and lasting impacts on our state, nation and the world.

Sincerely,

Dean Karlene Hoo