

# THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

## Graduate School Deans

### Nicole LP Stedman

*Ph.D. (University of Florida), Dean of the Graduate School, and Associate Provost*

### Judy Traveis

*Ph.D. (University of Florida), Associate Dean, Student Affairs*

### Tom Kelleher

*Ph.D. (University of Florida), Associate Dean, Academic Affairs*

## Organization

The Graduate School currently consists of the Dean, an Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, an Associate Dean for Student Affairs, the Graduate Council, the Graduate Faculty, and the Graduate School staff. The Graduate School is responsible for establishing, monitoring and enforcing minimum general standards of graduate study in the University and for coordinating the graduate programs of the various colleges and divisions of the University. Responsibility for detailed operation of graduate programs is vested in individual colleges, schools, divisions, and academic units. In most colleges, an associate dean or other administrator is directly responsible for graduate studies in that college. General policies and standards of the Graduate School are established by the Graduate Faculty as represented by the Graduate Council. Policy changes must be approved by the graduate dean(s) and the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council (chaired by the Graduate Dean) considers graduate education policy and policy changes, and the creation of or revisions to graduate degree programs, majors, concentrations, certificates, and other graduate education initiatives. All faculty members who serve on supervisory committees or who direct master's theses and doctoral dissertations must first be appointed to the Graduate Faculty. University of Florida faculty members who are appointed to full-time faculty positions in tenured or tenure-accruing positions are appointed to the Graduate Faculty as a matter of course, shortly after the time of their appointment to the university faculty. For all others, a graduate degree program's academic unit nominates faculty members for appointment to the Graduate Faculty. Nominations must be approved by the Department Chair/Director, the College Dean, and a vote of the current graduate faculty members in the nominating unit. The appointment is formally made by the Graduate Dean. The academic unit determines the level of duties for each Graduate Faculty member, though it is expected that all Graduate Faculty members should be available and willing to serve as external members of doctoral dissertation committees throughout the University of Florida.

## Graduate Council (2022-2023)

The Graduate Council, chaired by the Dean, is a joint committee of the President and Faculty Senate. The Council establishes general policies and standards of the Graduate School and assists the dean of the Graduate School in the execution of policy related to graduate study and associated research. The Graduate School staff provide support to the council by reviewing and editing all proposals submitted

by administrative and/or academic units to ensure they comply with Graduate Council policy.

The Graduate Council consists of twelve members of the Graduate Faculty, a graduate student elected by the Graduate Student Council, and the Dean of the Graduate School. Six of the twelve faculty members of the Graduate Council are elected by the Graduate Faculty for overlapping terms of three years.

### Nicole LP Stedman, Chair Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost

#### Members Appointed by the Provost:

##### Dr. Monika Ardel

Department of Sociology, Criminology & Law

##### Dr. Prabir Barooah

Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

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Department of Agricultural Education and Communication

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Department of Soil and Water Science

##### Dr. Aner Sela

Department of Marketing

#### Members Elected by Graduate Faculty:

##### Dr. Linda Bloom

Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

##### Dr. Brenda Chalfin

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##### Dr. Cynthia Griffin

School of Special Education, School Psychology, and Early Childhood Studies

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Department of Sociology, Criminology, and Law

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Department of Geography

##### Dr. Marta Wayne

Department of Biology

#### Graduate Student Council Representative:

##### Paul C. Wassel III

Department of Microbiology and Cell Science

#### Graduate Student Council Representative Alternate:

##### Alexander Wong

Department of Chemistry

## History

Graduate study at UF existed while the University was still on its Lake City campus. However, the first graduate degrees, two Master of Arts with a major in English, were awarded on the Gainesville campus in 1906. The first Master of Science was awarded in 1908, with a major in entomology. The first programs leading to the Ph.D. were approved in 1930, and the first degrees were awarded in 1934, one with a major in chemistry and the other with a major in pharmacy. The first Ed.D. was awarded in 1948. Graduate study has grown phenomenally at UF. In 1930, 33 degrees were awarded

in 12 fields. In 1940, 66 degrees were awarded in 16 fields. In 2020-2021, UF awarded 4,734 graduate degrees in more than 146 fields, including 710 Ph.D. degrees.

## UF Graduate School Deans and Years of Service

Years of Service	Graduate Deans
June 2021 to Present	Nicole Stedman, Dean
May 2007 to May 2021	Henry T. Frierson, Dean
2004-2007	Kenneth J. Gerhardt, Interim Dean
1999-2004	Winfred M. Phillips, Dean
1998-1999	M. Jack Ohanian, Interim Dean
1993-1998	Karen A. Holbrook, Dean
July-September 1993	Gene W. Hemp, Acting Dean
1985-1993	Madelyn M. Lockhart, Dean
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September 1982-January 1983	Gene W. Hemp, Acting Dean
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1973-1979	Harry H. Sisler, Dean
1971-1973	Alex G. Smith, Acting Dean
1969-1971	Harold P. Hanson, Dean
1952-1969	L. E. Grinter, Dean
1951-1952	C. F. Byers, Acting Dean
1938-1951	T. M. Simpson, Dean
1930-1938	James N. Anderson, Dean

## Governance

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The Department of Education is here to increase the proficiency of all students within one seamless, efficient system, by providing them with the opportunity to expand their knowledge and skills through learning opportunities and research valued by students, parents, and communities, and to maintain an accountability system that measures student progress.

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**Core Values**  
**Integrity**  
**Advocacy**  
**Inclusion**  
**Collaboration**  
**Innovation**

## Missions, Visions, and Values

### Mission of the University

The University of Florida is a comprehensive learning institution built on a land-grant foundation. We are The Gator Nation, a diverse community dedicated to excellence in education and research and shaping a better future for Florida, the nation and the world.

Our mission is to enable our students to lead and influence the next generation and beyond for economic, cultural and societal benefit.

The university welcomes the full exploration of its intellectual boundaries and supports its faculty and students in the creation of new knowledge and the pursuit of new ideas.

- **Teaching** is a fundamental purpose of this university at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.
- **Research and scholarship** are integral to the educational process and to the expansion of our understanding of the natural world, the intellect and the senses.
- **Service** reflects the university's obligation to share the benefits of its research and knowledge for the public good. The university serves the nation's and the state's critical needs by contributing to a well-qualified and broadly diverse citizenry, leadership and workforce.

The University of Florida must create the broadly diverse environment necessary to foster multi-cultural skills and perspectives in its teaching and research for its students to contribute and succeed in the world of the 21st century.

These three interlocking elements — teaching, research and scholarship, and service — span all the university's academic disciplines and represent the university's commitment to lead and serve the state of Florida, the nation and the world by pursuing and disseminating new knowledge while building upon the experiences of the past. The university aspires to advance by strengthening the human condition and improving the quality of life.

### Vision, Mission, and Values of the Graduate School

#### Vision

To be a model of excellence for supporting and advancing graduate education worldwide

#### Mission

To ensure the integrity and value of graduate education and elevate the overall graduate student experience