

# The Graduate School Action Plan: 2020-2023

## Background:

In October of 2019, TGS carried out an all-staff retreat to work on our goals for the next three years. We focused on organizing and prioritizing current projects, future plans, and “wish lists.” Our next step was to formalize the outcomes of the retreat in a plan. We completed a draft of this Action Plan in February of 2020...just in time for the start of the pandemic. While we dealt with an entirely new set of challenges, we also managed to complete a good number of our original goals.

### Goal 1: Action & Awareness

Promote awareness about graduate programs and disseminate information more effectively:

- Brand development
- News and PR
- Alumni outreach
- Holistic review
- Program finder

### Goal 2: Financial Support

Design pricing models for graduate programs and identify sources of funding for students:

- Flat rate pricing
- Grants
- Aid eligibility for more programs
- Support options for prospective students

### Goal 3: Student Experience

Improve and rethink our processes and activities to better support students:

- Advising guidance
- Student engagement
- Monitor Retention and satisfaction
- Liaisons with Colleges
- Continuous Matriculation policy

### Goal 4: Student Advocacy

Build a culture of advocacy for the success and well-being of students

- Access to resources
- Career services
- Connections with employers
- Orientation
- Dissertation and thesis workshops

### Goal 5: Alumni Involvement

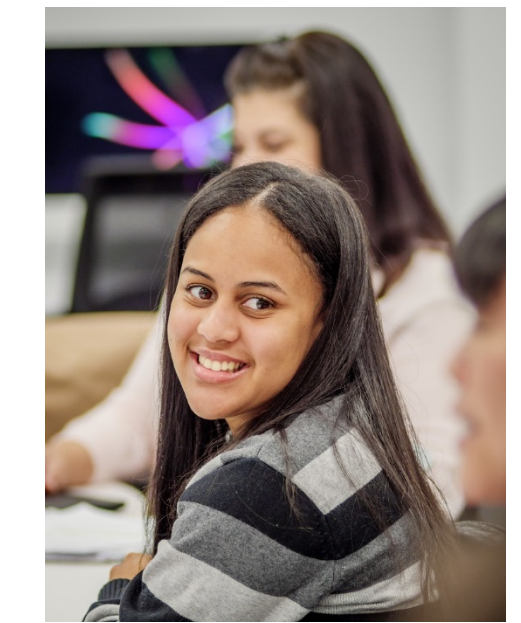
Incorporate graduate alumni as key TGS stakeholders as supporters of graduate education as well as recipients of service

- Professional development events
- Mentorship opportunities

Metrics

Partnership

Project and Time Management



## What's next?

- Reevaluate our goals and objectives for continued pandemic and post-pandemic scenarios
- Gather input from our colleagues in other units on campus. You can help us shape our future!

For more information and to send your feedback:



## Words Matter: What's in the TGS Action Plan



## Some of our accomplishments so far:

### Initiatives for Student Engagement: Started Spring 2021

- Graduate Development Workshop Series
- Open Forums with TGS Dean
- Meet & Greet Sessions
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week

### Accepted Student Portal: Launched Fall 2019, Version 2.0 Spring 2021

1. First Steps
2. Register For Classes
3. Financing Your Education
4. Health and Wellness

#### Graduate Accepted Student Checklist

Please note: It may take 24-48 hours for you to receive your NetID upon confirming your acceptance.

Status	Details
✓ Received	Confirm your acceptance
✗ Awaiting	<a href="#">Set up your NETID</a>
✗ Awaiting	Register for classes
✓ Received	Official Transcript for Thomas Jefferson University: College of Hea
✓ Received	Official Transcript for University of Delaware

[Click here](#) to access the entire accepted student checklist.

### Program Finder search engine: Launched Fall 2020

Search Programs by Name or Area of Interest

### Combined Programs microsite: Launched June 2021

Montclair State University Combined Programs

### Monthly Student Newsletters: Started Fall 2020

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