

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Mission and Vision of The Graduate School

The mission of the The Graduate School at Fort Hays State University (<https://www.fhsu.edu/academic/gradschl/>) is to serve its beneficiaries through excellence in support, continuous quality improvement, and innovation.

The vision of the Graduate School is to aspire to be a nationally recognized leader in graduate education, internationalization, and research.

The Graduate School is the unit responsible for organizing and supervising the graduate instructional programs of the university and for developing them toward their highest level of excellence. It is also the unit responsible for facilitating, encouraging, and coordinating the research and internationalization efforts of the university and for developing those efforts toward the highest level of excellence. The school has a primary concern with meshing graduate instruction and research into mutually supporting programs and also with integrating both into the total effort of the university.

All colleges of the university are served by the Graduate School. The Dean of the Graduate School/Assistant Provost for Academic Programs has responsibility for coordinating, encouraging, and stimulating graduate and faculty research and internationalization programs in all of the university's academic units.

Office of Scholarship and Sponsored Projects

In alignment with the university's core value of knowledge and scholarship, the Office of Scholarship and Sponsored Projects (OSSP) provides guidance, oversight, and support to the scholarly and creative activities of Fort Hays State University in the following areas:

Grants and Funding - training, guidance, and contract assistance for external grants (<https://www.fhsu.edu/research/grants-and-awards/external-grants/>) and oversees the internal grant programs (<https://www.fhsu.edu/research/grants-and-awards/internal-grants/>) at FHSU.

Research Compliance and Policies - Institutional Review Board (IRB) (<https://www.fhsu.edu/research/compliance/irb/index/>), Institutional Care and Use of Animals Committee (IACUC) (<https://www.fhsu.edu/research/compliance/iacuc/index/>), CITI Training (<https://www.fhsu.edu/research/compliance/citi-training/>), Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) (<https://www.fhsu.edu/research/compliance/rcr/>) and other areas of research compliance.

Promoting a Culture of Research and Scholarship - ample research opportunities are available for undergraduate students (<https://www.fhsu.edu/research/students/undergraduate/>), graduate students (<https://www.fhsu.edu/research/students/graduate/>), and faculty and staff (<https://www.fhsu.edu/research/faculty/index/>), including the campus-wide research symposium, SACAD (<https://www.fhsu.edu/research/events-and-opportunities/sacad/index/>).