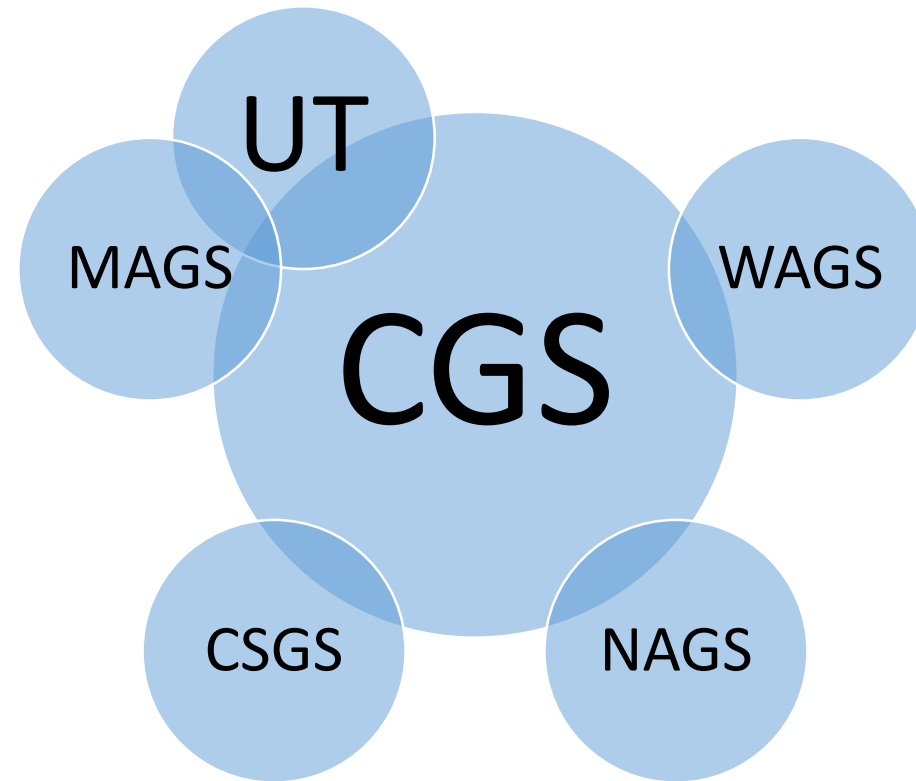


Advocacy for Graduate Education

UT is a Member of a Large Community with Shared Interests

COGS can Help You Connect With the Community Resources

Community of Academic Organizations



Council of Graduate Schools (CGS)

- Mission
 - National voice for the graduate dean community
 - Only national organization in the United States dedicated solely to the advancement of graduate education and research
- Members
 - Over 500 universities in the United States and Canada
 - award more than 92% of all U.S. doctorates and over 78% of all U.S. master's degrees
 - 25 universities outside the United States and Canada
 - Corporations and nonprofit organizations with strong investments in graduate education

Core CGS Activities

- Best Practices Initiatives
 - Research to test and develop solutions to pressing issues in graduate education
- Benchmarking
 - Help member institutions assess performance in specific areas of graduate education and research and make informed decisions that benefit students, faculty, and the institution as a whole.
- Public Policy
 - Resource for policymakers and others on issues concerning graduate education, research and scholarship

Core CGS Activities

- Global Engagement
 - “CGS’ international activities are designed to help member institutions develop a global profile and network in the graduate education community and implement emerging best practices for internationalization of their campuses”
- <http://www.cgsnet.org/>

CGS Publications Access

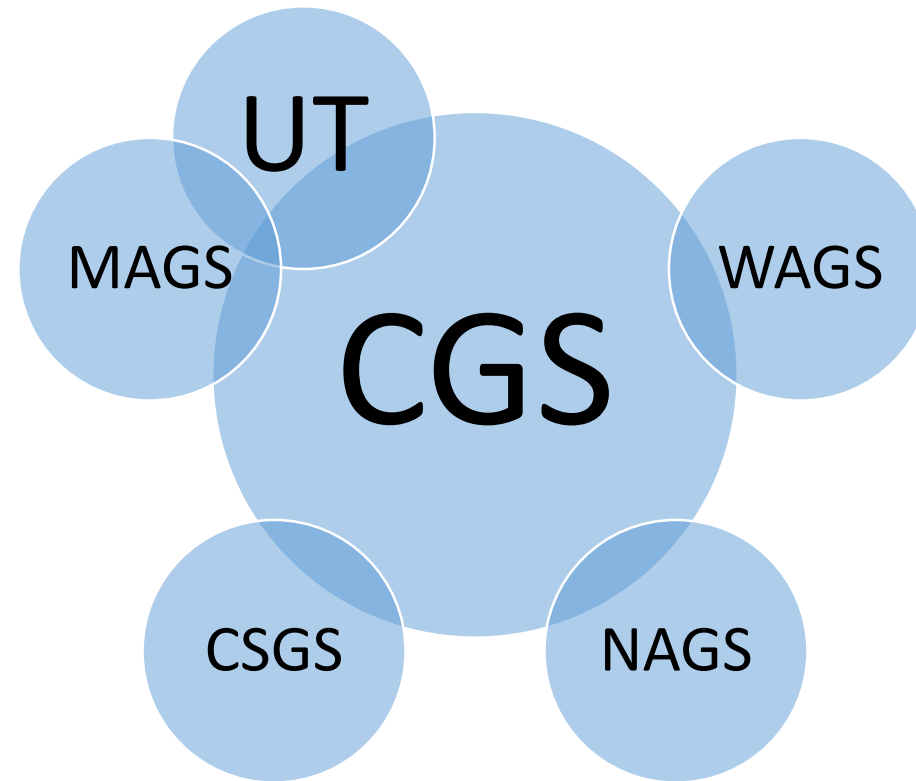
- As a benefit of institutional membership, online access to all CGS publications is provided to faculty and staff at member institutions.
- <http://www.cgsnet.org/about-cgs>
- Contact Susan Pocotte if you need help obtaining documents.

Regional Affiliates

The primary purpose is to identify and address common challenges related to graduate study and research.

- Conference of Southern Graduate Schools (CSGS)
- **Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS)**
 - Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, **Ohio**, Oklahoma, South Dakota, and Wisconsin
- Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools (NAGS)
- Western Association of Graduate Schools (WAGS)

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Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS)

- According to our Constitution, MAGS "...shall have as its primary purpose the consideration of mutual problems among the member institutions, relating to graduate studies and research. It will cooperate with other agencies for this purpose by dissemination of information, improvement of standards, encouragement of research, and assistance to institutions embarking on graduate programs."
- <http://mags-net.org/>

RECENT TOPICS of CONSIDERATION MAGS

- The future of graduate education
- Funding graduate education
- Administrative and instructional methodologies
- Delivery of graduate education via distance technology
- Program assessment and accountability
- Program Review
- Graduate student attrition
- Diversity

MAGS annual meeting April 15-17

- Updates from CGS by Suzanne Ortega, President
 - Financial literacy for grad students
 - PhD Career pathways/Alumni tracking for feedback
 - STEM diversity data released
 - Holistic Review- white paper in process
 - Master's Career pathways- new update fact finding just beginning
- NSF updates
- Graduate Student Learning Communities
- GRE/TOEFL
- Graduate Student Involvement and communication with Fac/Admin
- Holistic application Review/GEM- STEM organization

Informed Advocacy For:

- Graduate Students
- Graduate Programs
- Research and Scholarships
- Graduate Student funding
- Best practices in Quality Education Assessment and Review
- More!!!!!!!!!!