

University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate
Resolution 2014:1
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A Resolution Highlighting the Importance of Graduate Education

WHEREAS, RSA 187-A:1 of the charter of the University System of New Hampshire (USNH) explicitly states that the university system shall “provide for professional and technical 2-year, 4-year and graduate programs which serve the needs of the state and the nation” and “for research which contributes to the welfare of mankind”; and

WHEREAS, an April 2013 report from NH Employment Security entitled “STEM in New Hampshire: A Labor Demand-Supply Analysis” projected that about 16 percent of the job openings projected by 2020 in the quickly-growing fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) will require an advanced degree beyond a baccalaureate; and

WHEREAS, graduate education provides students with the advanced knowledge and skills that will secure the state’s future intellectual leadership in the knowledge economy and creates the next generation of business owners, policymakers, lawyers, professors, and other industry leaders; and

WHEREAS, the mission and institutional identity of the University of New Hampshire (UNH) asserts its role as “the state’s public research university, providing comprehensive, high-quality undergraduate programs and graduate programs of distinction”; and

WHEREAS, graduate students play a significant role in the completeness and strength of a research university through both their research and teaching; and

WHEREAS, UNH is home to several graduate degree programs that rank amongst the best in the country;

Be it RESOLVED that the University of New Hampshire Graduate Student Senate encourages that the UNH administration and USNH Board of Trustees take actions that underscore the importance of graduate education to both the university and the state and cement their commitment to maintaining high-quality graduate education at UNH.