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# Welcome from the Dean

Greetings prospective, new, and returning graduate students,

Researching graduate programs that fit your professional and personal goals is important. The fact that you have landed on this page means that you are considering or have chosen CSU as a place where you can thrive in your pursuit of graduate education. We take our mission seriously here.

Take advantage of your time and access to a vibrant community of scholars who are pushing the boundaries of knowledge and contributing to the advancement of your respective fields. As those who have completed graduate work will tell you, one's graduate studies mark a time for profound growth, both intellectually and personally. Our faculty members are not only experts in their fields but also mentors who are eager to support your academic journey. The various research centers, libraries, and support services are here to aid you in your endeavors.

Remember, the path of graduate studies can be challenging, but it is also incredibly rewarding. Do not hesitate to seek help when needed, whether it be from your peers, advisors, or the numerous support services we offer. Collaboration and community are key components of success.

I also want to remind you to take care of your well-being. Balancing academic responsibilities with personal life is crucial. Make time for self-care.

We are committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where every student can thrive. Your feedback is invaluable, and I encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions with us.

Thank you for being a part of our graduate community or considering it.

Greatest wishes for your studies and professional growth,

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Dean of Libraries and Graduate Studies

