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### **Dean of the Graduate School**

Reporting directly to the Provost, the Dean of the Graduate School is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Graduate School, including financial management, strategic planning, and supervision of the professional and support staff in the Graduate School. The Dean collaborates with doctoral programs and with the other academic deans on the admission and funding of PhD and MFA students; works with them and with the Dean of the College regarding teaching assistantships and curricular issues; coordinates closely with department chairs, program directors, and directors of graduate studies to ensure that program needs are met and student growth and success are supported; and partners with colleagues in the School of Professional Studies on supporting master's students and master's education.

The Dean promotes the interests of graduate students, advocates for excellence in graduate education, and establishes priorities for advancing doctoral education in the context of the University's mission of research and education. Strategic priorities for the dean include facilitating departmental and campus-wide conversations about the evolving landscape of graduate education, guided in part by the recommendations of the Task Force on Doctoral Education. The Dean will be expected to develop strategies for ensuring that doctoral education remains an important component of an integrated research enterprise and to work creatively and collaboratively to enhance opportunities for doctoral students to develop as scholars and teachers.

The Dean should be a tenured Professor with a strong record of teaching and scholarship and significant administrative experience. Demonstrated interest in working with and advising graduate students is required, as are intellectual curiosity about different disciplines and an ability to engage with colleagues across the University. Familiarity with the range of doctoral programs, funding models, and training opportunities is also desirable. The individual should have a deep commitment to diversity and inclusion and be able to articulate strategies for improving the climate for graduate students. The successful candidate will have excellent organizational skills, managerial talent, and financial acumen.

The Dean of the Graduate School serves on the President's Cabinet and Executive Committee; the Academic Priorities Committee; the Tenure, Promotion, and Appointments Committee; the senior deans group; and chairs the Graduate Council.

Nominations, including self-nominations, should be sent to Elizabeth Doherty, Deputy Provost for Academic Affairs ([elizabeth\\_doherty@brown.edu](mailto:elizabeth_doherty@brown.edu)).

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