To attract and grow quality jobs, we must have the best trained, best educated workforce.

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Over 82,000 students pursue advanced degrees and certificates at 38 public and private Michigan colleges and universities. Graduate education leads to certificates and master's and doctoral degrees in the sciences, engineering, social sciences, education, humanities and the arts. Graduate education prepares professionals in law, management and business, medicine, nursing, dentistry, public administration, social work, architecture, public health and other fields.

By Supporting Graduate Education, Michigan: 

- Supports research on innovative ideas and technologies in energy, transportation, life sciences, infrastructure, environmental sustainability and other areas that help create new businesses and jobs.
- Prepares future faculty for Michigan's colleges and universities, and teachers for elementary and secondary classrooms.
- Develops leaders and entrepreneurs for business, nonprofit organizations and public service.
- Trains professionals who maintain the well-being of Michigan's citizens and communities.
- Produces artists, scholars and professionals who bring the pulse of the arts and humanities to Michigan's public life.
- Encourages all Michigan students to aspire to life-long learning and to see their future in a state of innovation and promise.