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Recognized worldwide as a top research university, MSU is a dynamic and diverse academic community that provides a welcoming and inclusive environment for nearly 10,000 graduate and graduate-professional students, as well as approximately 36,000 undergraduates. Graduate programs are organized around traditional disciplines, as well as dynamic partnerships committed to solving scientific problems in innovative, and interdisciplinary ways.



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The Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP) at Michigan State University offers support for a diverse group of U.S. student in doctoral programs leading to academic careers in the natural and social sciences, engineering, and mathematics.

AGEP at MSU provides an inclusive Cross-disciplinary Learning community With opportunities to:

- Participate in dialogues across disciplines
- Network with peers and faculty members at MSU and beyond
- Develop strategies for success in graduate study and academic careers
- Apply for funding to support professional development activities



A National Science Foundation Program

AGEP is supported by the National Science Foundation under The Michigan AGEP Alliance for Transformation (MAA): Mentoring and Community Building to Accelerate Successful Progression into the Professoriate # 1305819. The program is intended to increase the number of domestic students, particularly under-represented minorities, receiving doctoral degrees in the STEM (sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and SBE (social, behavioral, and economic sciences) disciplines.

Alliances of institutions participating in the AGEP program engage in comprehensive institutional changes that support the recruitment, advancement, graduation, and career development of underrepresented domestic students in doctoral programs in the STEM and SBE disciplines.

Five of Michigan's public research universities-Michigan State University, University of Michigan (lead institution), Wayne State University, Michigan Tech, and Western Michigan University- form the Michigan AGEP Alliance and collaborate to achieve NSF objectives by sharing resources and building networks.

The MSU AGEP Learning Community

Through AGEP, MSU fosters a multidisciplinary community of graduate students and faculty members. Monthly meetings allow AGEP participants to create dialogues across disciplines through informal oral presentations about current research. The community also provides opportunities to share key information regarding graduate school success and to experience a social support network that extends beyond the academic setting.

In addition, each spring and fall, members of MSU's AGEP learning community participate in regional alliance conferences that help students build networks and provide activities and workshops for career development and planning. Other activities include trips to Washington DC to visit the NSF and Capitol Hill to learn about the foundation and to engage in science advocacy .

Financial Support

MSU graduate students who are AGEP participants are eligible to apply for the AGEP Scholar award, which is an annual fellowship that supports research and professional travel.

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