



Welcome to WSU and the Graduate School

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Overview of presentation

- Introduction to Washington State University
- The WSU Graduate School
- What is Graduate Education all about?
- What should you look for in a graduate program?

WSU from 1890

**Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890 created
Land Grant Colleges & Universities**

**Purpose: provide access to educational
opportunities for all state residents.**

**Focus: agriculture, science, engineering
to fuel industrial revolution, rather than
historic core of classical studies.**



Washington State University

Multi-Campus System

Extension offices in every county



WSU Vancouver



**Offers 20 undergraduate degrees
and >26 graduate fields of study**



WSU Tri-Cities

Focus on
Science &
Engineering

Located next
to Pacific NW
National Lab
& Hanford

One of three
Wine Science
Programs in
US



WSU Spokane



**Focus on
Health
Research**

**Nursing,
Pharmacy &
Medicine**





I. The Graduate School serves students across ten colleges

- Agricultural, Human, and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS)
- Arts and Sciences
- Business (Carson College)
- Communication (Murrow College)
- Education
- Engineering and Architecture (Voiland)
- Medicine (Elson S. Floyd College)
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Veterinary Medicine

I. Graduate Programs at WSU

- 46 Doctoral programs & 67 Master's Programs
- 23 Graduate certificate programs
- >3,300 graduate students enrolled statewide
- AY 2017-18 degrees conferred
 - 315 doctoral degrees
 - 670 master's degrees

Professional Programs are
not in the Graduate School
(DVM, MBA, MD, PharmD)



WSU Graduate School: 324 French Ad

- Dr. Lisa Gloss, Dean
- Dr. Raymond Herrera, Assistant Dean
 - McNair Scholars, Recruitment
- Dr. Judi McDonald, Associate Dean



What does the Graduate School do?

Three Missions

- **Service:**
Students, Faculty, Academic Programs, Colleges, and the Institution as a whole
- **Oversight:**
Standards and Best Practices of Graduate Education,
Program Review and Assessment,
Administrative Support for Graduate Education
- **Advocacy:** on Campus, Nationally and Globally
The research enterprise of graduate students,
Diversity, Academic Integrity

What is Graduate Education about?

Undergraduate studies = read the text book

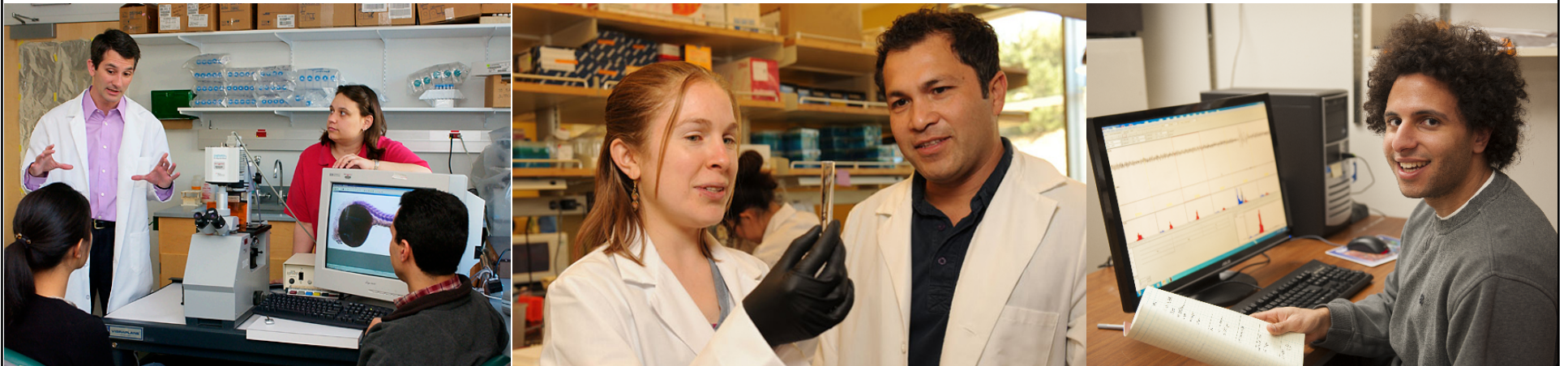
- Coursework centered, some experiential learning
- Broad educational focus to create an informed citizenry
- Master current knowledge and critical thinking skills
- Learn to teach yourself and communicate to others



What is Graduate Education about?

Master's degree = apply the text book

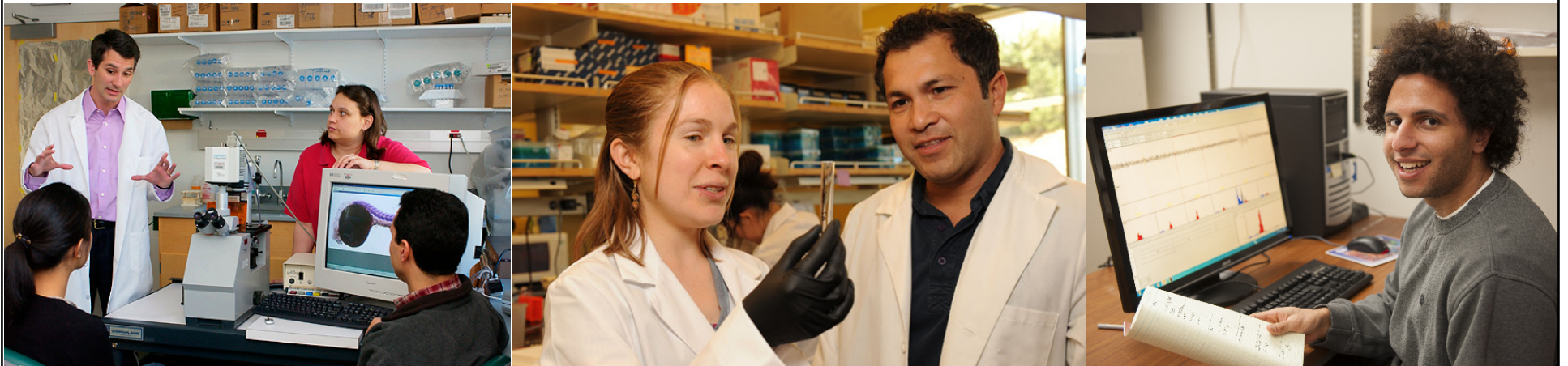
- Coursework, but more experiential, project-oriented learning
- In-depth disciplinary expertise
- Enhanced integrative understanding across the discipline



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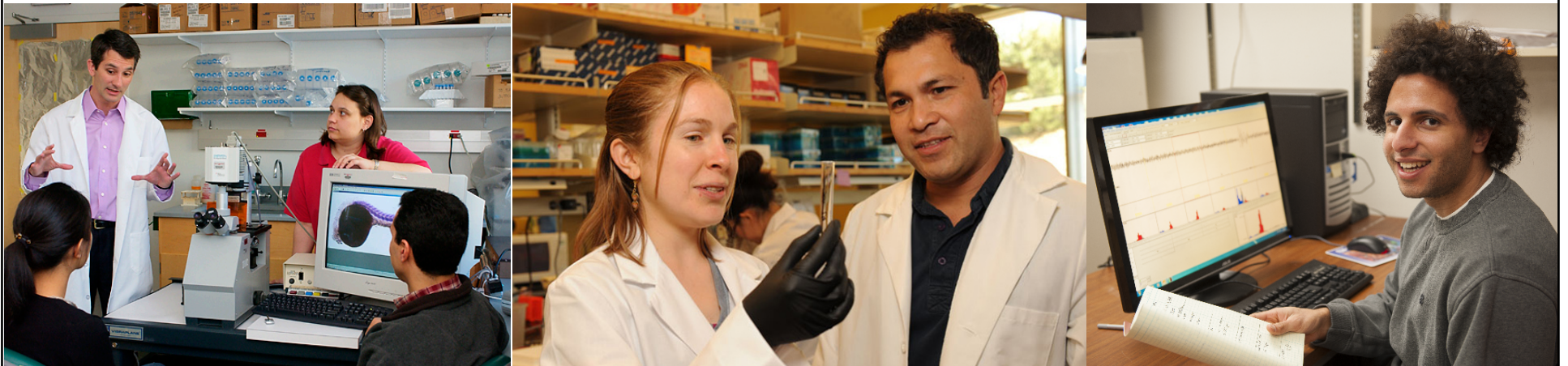
Doctoral degrees = you write the text book!

- Some coursework, deeper exploration of focus area through mentored investigation
- Original research to create new knowledge & scholarship
- Credentials of project leader & master teacher
- You become the expert!



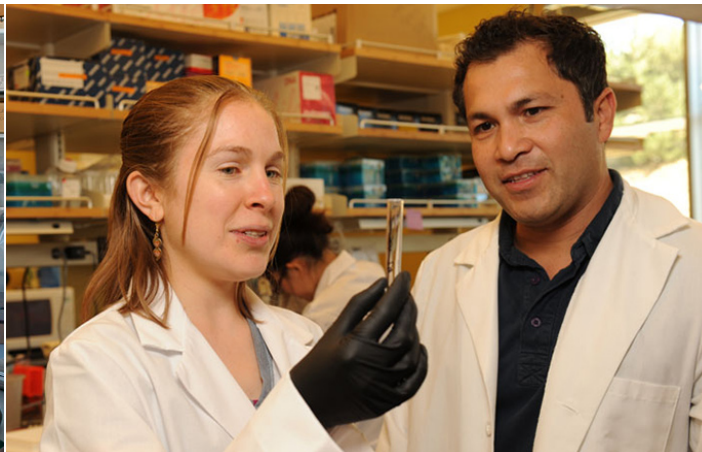
What to look for in a graduate program?

- A range of interesting research projects
 - >2 faculty that you might work with
 - You need an intellectual community
 - Collaborative environment
 - Opportunities for broad training
 - For example, robust seminar program



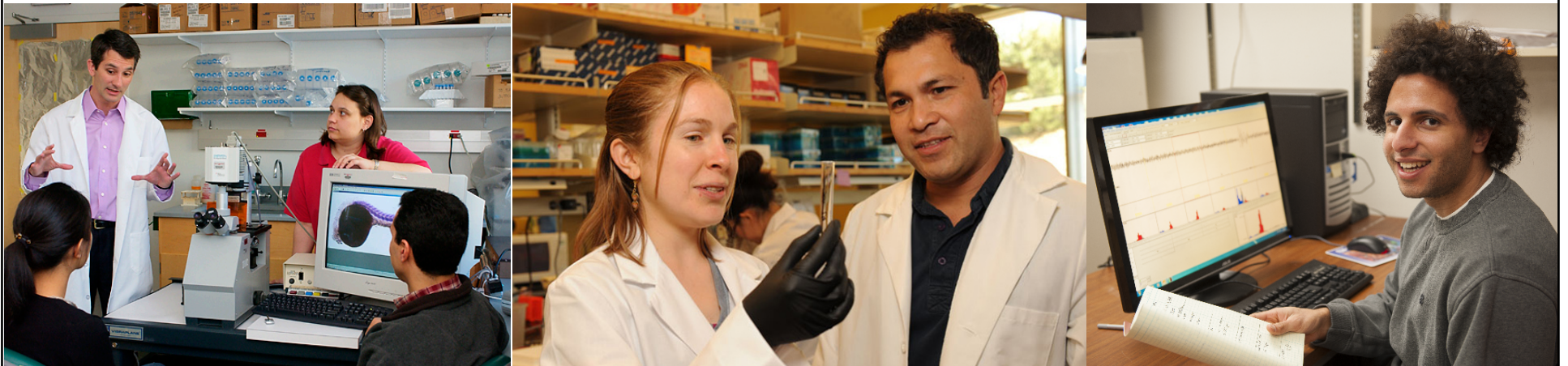
What to look for in a graduate program?

- Financial support and rewards
 - Research & teaching assistantships
 - Don't look just at stipend level
 - Insurance?
 - Cost of living?
 - Scholarships & travel grants



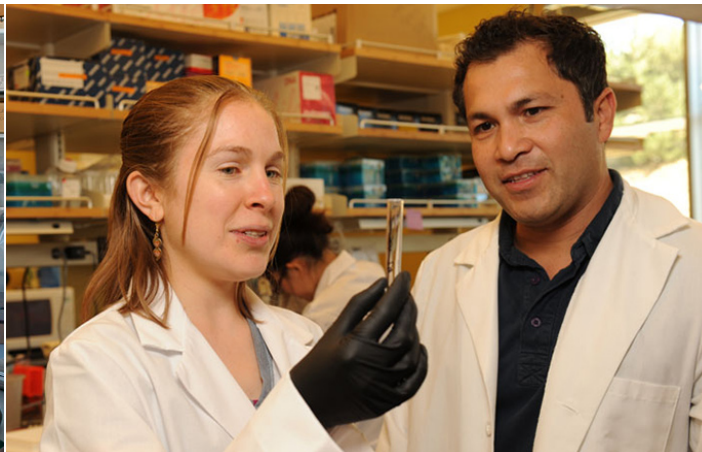
What to look for in a graduate program?

- You get more than just a degree!
 - Where do the students go after degree?
- Training for diverse professional opportunities?
 - Professional Development programs



What to look for in a graduate program?

- You get more than just a degree!
 - Communication skills
 - Written AND oral (teaching, seminars)
 - Networking
- You need a life too
 - Graduate student community
 - Ability to pursue outside interests



III. Training students to succeed at WSU and beyond

Professional Development Initiative (PDI)

PARTNERSHIP: Graduate School & GPSA
(Graduate and Professional Student Association)

Collaborate with
partners across
campus

Emphasize four
core competencies



Four Core Competencies



**Academic &
Career Development**



**Communication &
Collaboration**

**Leadership &
Professionalism**



**Personal
Well-being**



The people who make PDI run



Jenn Johnson, GPSA Director of PD
Davi Kallman, Grad School PDI GA



Bruce Williamson
Benavides, PDI GA



Questions?

<https://gradschool.wsu.edu/>

