# Laney Graduate School Priorities

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| Grow with Excellence                      | ► **Program Growth and Faculty Distinction**: increase the student body to complement the growth and distinction of the faculty.  
► **Competitive Awards**: sustain a level of graduate student funding that is competitive with peer institutions. |
| Develop Funding                           | ► **Funding Structure**: align the funding of graduate education at Emory in a way that recognizes the contributions graduate students make to teaching and other areas.  
► Pursue **significant gifts** and build **endowment**.  
► **Alumni Community**: cultivate a sense of connection with Emory and the Laney Graduate School among our alumni.  
► Enhance **Annual Fund** giving. |
| Study Complex Problems                    | ► **Authentic Interdisciplinarity**: complex problems require genuine conversations and engagements across disciplinary boundaries.  
► **Public Scholarship**: practice the translation of academic knowledge into forms that engage public issues in ways that transform society, science, art and culture.  
► **Public Good**: graduate education is an investment in our future.  
► **Courage and Leadership**: graduate education that reaches into new territory to make bold progress. |
| Support Student Professionalism           | ► **Grants Culture**: support and reward graduate student efforts to develop grant writing skills and compete for extramural funding.  
► **Professional Placement**: help students conceive of and pursue post-graduation positions in a broad and effective manner.  
► **Leadership and Ethics**: prepare students for leadership roles in diverse settings and for the ethical engagement of research, scholarship and collaborative work.  
► **Progress Towards Degree**: develop a clear set of policies, benchmarks, supports and funding structures that help students progress towards degree completion.  
► **Quality of Student Life**: address issues that may impede student progress—child and elder care, financial advice, community building and support networks. |

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