

CHAPTER TWO  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

228 GRADUATE EDUCATION

228.1 Policy

The Cal Poly Graduate Education office provides leadership and support to Cal Poly faculty and students in their pursuit of excellence in graduate education. The Graduate Education office proactively strives to foster an environment in which high quality graduate programs can emerge, thrive and evolve. The office advocates for Cal Poly's graduate programs, both on campus and at the local, state and national levels and promotes the reputation of Cal Poly's graduate programs and scholarship locally, nationally and internationally. Graduate Education collaborates with students, faculty, staff and administrators in programs, departments, colleges and administrative units of the University, with the Cal Poly Foundation, and with various private and governmental organizations.

228.2 Objectives

The Graduate Education office coordinates documents required for admission, establishes formal study plans, advances students to candidacy and completes a student's culminating experience. Information is shared among colleges and departments, and oversight of compliance with University and Systemwide guidelines for curricula and courses deployment along with other graduate program guidelines and policies are the responsibility of the director for Graduate Education and the vice provost for International Graduate and Extended Education. The Graduate Education office also facilitates the following programs: non-resident tuition waivers, graduate equity fellowships, and the UC/CSU Joint doctoral program.

**References for CAP 228:**

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2. Effective Date: July 15, 2014
3. Responsible Department/Office: Graduate Education
4. Revision History: May 24, 2006, July 15, 2014
5. Related University Policies, Procedures, Manuals and/or Documents:
  - a. [AS Resolution AS-726-11 March 8, 2011](#)
  - b. [Graduate Education Handbook](#)
6. Laws, Regulations and/or Codes of practice referred to herein or related to this policy:

- a. [California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Chapter 1, Subchapter 2, Article 7, Section 40510](#)