The COVID-19 pandemic illuminates the importance of graduate education, across all disciplines (STEM, Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities), to society’s physical and economic health and vitality.

Graduate student researchers perform cutting edge research at our colleges and universities.

Graduate-Professional students default at a rate 3x lower than the average borrower, yet pay the highest interest rates, some in excess of 8%, making graduate education inaccessible for many.

99% of STEM related jobs require a post-secondary education.

What Congress Can Do to Support Graduate Education

- SUPPORT legislation that recognizes the unique nature of graduate education and expands its access and affordability.
  - Support legislative efforts to increase financial support to university-based research
  - Support a full-scale reauthorization of the Higher Education Act

- (H.R.3334) Expanding Access to Graduate Education Act of 2019
- (H.R.3418) Protecting Our Students by Terminating Graduate Rates that Add to Debt Act
- (H.R.1842) GAP Act
- (H.R.1554) REDI Act
- (S.786 / H.R.1707) Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act