



**Advancing Innovation in Graduate Education:
Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) Principal Investigators' Meeting**
October 15–16, 2026
The Darcy Hotel, Washington, DC
Working Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- Support awareness and learning about broader themes, challenges and innovations in STEM graduate education.
- Provide a forum where IGE grantees can discuss both challenges and evidence-based practices with their colleagues.
- Promote broader dissemination of IGE innovations to the STEM graduate education community.

Day 1: Thursday, October 15

All Day 1 Events will be held at The Darcy Hotel, Washington, DC

11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Collect badge and materials.**

Please plan to arrive during the 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. period to get settled at the hotel. (Those traveling longer distances may need to arrive the day before). If an early check-in is not available, you may store your bags with the hotel staff.

1:00–1:30 p.m. **Welcome and Overview of Meeting**

1:30–2:30 p.m. **Opening Keynote**

2:30–3:45 p.m. **Innovative Solutions to Persistent Challenges in Graduate Education**

Focus: Research and insights from complete and nearly complete IGE projects; guidance on research and implementation challenges.

3:45–4:30 p.m. **Challenge Labs [Breakouts]**

Focus: Developing solutions to current challenges in IGE research and implementation.

4:30–5:30 p.m. **Room Check-In, Break and Poster Set-Up**

5:30–7:00 p.m. **Poster Hall and Reception**

Day 2: Friday, October 16

All Day 2 Events will be held at The Darcy Hotel, Washington, DC

8:30-9:00 a.m. **Networking Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Charge for the Day**

9:15–10:30 a.m. **Career Preparation and Student Success Pilots**

Focus: This session will bring together mature projects from IGE Track 1: Career Preparation and Student Success Pilots. These projects are designed to support innovations in graduate education within a single institution, focusing on workforce development that prepare the next generation of scientists and engineers for the full range of possible STEM career paths to advance the nation's STEM enterprise.

10:30–10:45 a.m. *Coffee break*

10:45–11:45 a.m. **Case Studies on Sustainability and Scaling [Breakouts]**

Focus: Using IGE project cases to explore what it takes to sustain, adapt, and scale promising innovations.

11:45 a.m.–12:15 p.m. **Cross-Pollination and Synthesis Session**

Focus: Sharing of ideas generated in previous session; identification of lessons and themes across groups.

12:15–1:15 p.m. **Networking Lunch**

1:15–2:15 p.m. **Systemic Interventions and Policies**

Focus: This session will bring together mature projects from IGE Track 2: Systemic Interventions and Policies. These projects are designed to generate knowledge about the graduate education system and outcomes of systemic intervention and policies. IGE Track 2 projects may be implemented at different scales: within a field of study across multiple institutions and programs; across multiple fields of study within a single institution; or across multiple institutions and fields of study.

2:15-2:45 p.m. **Recommendations for the STEM Graduate Education Community [All]**

Focus: Identification of recommendations for the STEM graduate education community.

2:45-3:00 p.m. **Concluding Remarks and Next Steps**