

The background features a large, semi-transparent, light blue version of the University of Windsor crest. The crest is a shield with a white border, containing a red maple leaf in the upper left, a red tulip in the lower right, and a white anchor at the bottom center. The shield is set against a dark blue background with a subtle geometric pattern of overlapping shapes.

STRATEGIC PLAN
FACULTY OF HUMAN KINETICS
GRADUATE STUDIES | 2020-2023

*Commitment to
Excellence*



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Welcome to Graduate Studies in the Faculty of Human Kinetics

For nearly 50 years, we have been committed to helping our graduate trainees succeed through a wide variety of programs, initiatives, and experiences.

As a Faculty, our **mission** is to create an optimal training environment for our students to excel in fundamental and applied research to promote excellence and professional competence.

Our **vision** is to be globally recognized for our collaborative training environment, where our trainees are exposed to and conduct high quality research exploration in Applied Human Performance and Sport Management with the freedom to explore within and across disciplines. Benefiting from the expertise of nearly 30 graduate faculty members, over a dozen research laboratories, centres and groups, and hundreds of community and industry partners, our trainees find rewarding traditional and non-traditional careers across academia and industry.



Dr. Cheri L. M. McGowan

Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies

“The road to excellence is always under construction” - Unknown.

In effort to continually enhance the quality of our graduate experience, promote our research prowess, and emphasize the “employability” of our graduates, we will focus over the next three years on five strategic priorities:

1. Recognition and celebration of academic excellence
2. Maximization of global graduate education and impact
3. Increased sources of sustainable funding
4. Professional and personal development
5. Graduate program growth.

Our team-oriented approach in implementing these priorities will ensure success and broad-reaching impact, and will provide a foundation for our scholars to become recognized leaders in exercise and physical activity, motor behaviour, injury prevention, exercise and sport psychology, health and wellness, sport management and/or recreation research.

Yours in research,
Dr. Cheri L. M. McGowan, PhD
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Our Mission

To create an optimal training environment for students to excel in fundamental and applied research to promote excellence and professional competence.

Our Vision

To be globally recognized for our collaborative training environment where trainees are exposed to and conduct high quality research exploration. This learning space will provide a foundation for our scholars to become recognized leaders in exercise and physical activity, motor behaviour, injury prevention, exercise and sport psychology, health and wellness, sport management or recreation research.

Our Strategic Priorities

Over the next three years, our graduate culture will be heightened through the following key priority areas:

1. Graduate Program Development
2. Celebration of Excellence
3. Global Education and Impact
4. Sustainable Funding
5. Professional and Personal Development



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

**GRADUATE
PROGRAM
DEVELOPMENT**



*At the Faculty of Human Kinetics, our first strategic priority within Graduate Studies is to **enhance our existing graduate programming.***

Action Item #1

Optimize enrollment, retention and recruitment initiatives.

Action Item #2

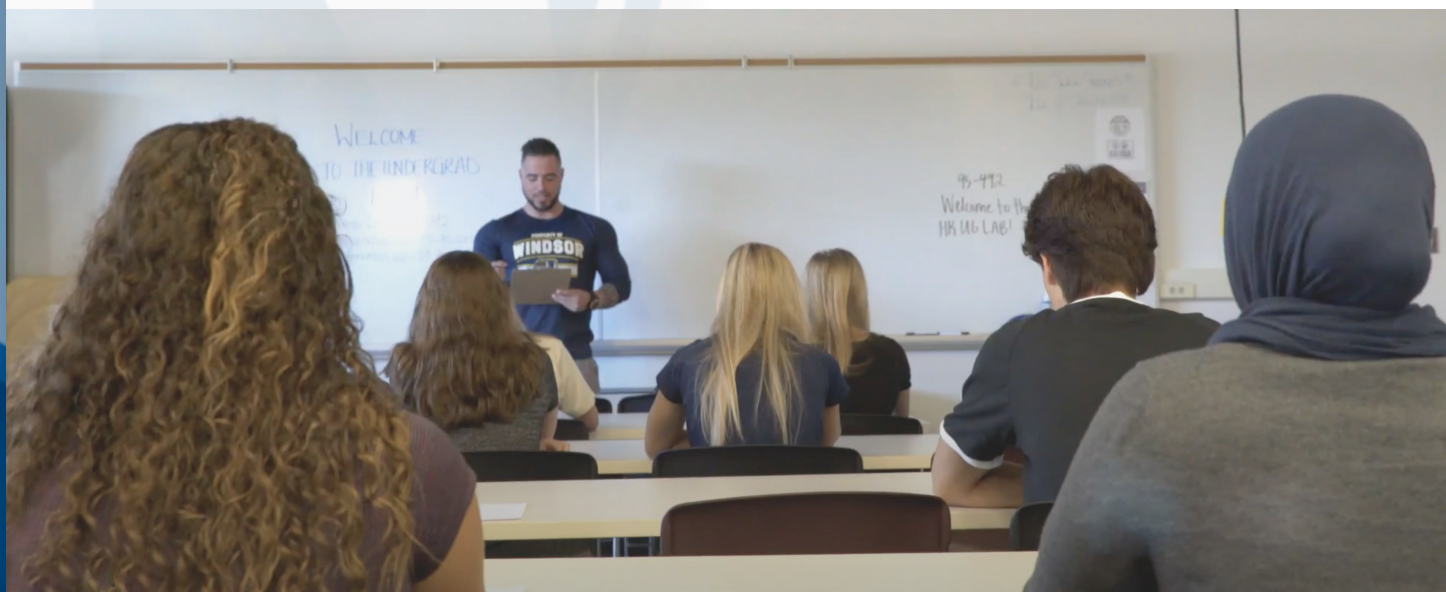
Update our research website to better highlight our research impact and strengths to potential students, and our knowledge, translation and exchange/dissemination activities.

Action Item #3

Link degree names to research impact areas.

Action Item #4

Improve graduate program administration efficiency.





STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



*At the Faculty of Human Kinetics, our second strategic priority within Graduate Studies is to **recognize and celebrate academic excellence.***

ACTION Item #1

Increase recognition for student-related activities.

ACTION Item #1a

Compile and formally disseminate HK Graduate Studies annual report.

ACTION Item #1b

Provide a monthly update of successful thesis defenses/internship presentations.

ACTION Item #1c

Enhance the celebration of Outstanding Graduate Research Awards.

ACTION Item #1d

Increase promotion of student-related success using media and social media platforms.





STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

GLOBAL EDUCATION AND IMPACT



*At the Faculty of Human Kinetics, our third strategic priority within Graduate Studies is to **maximize global graduate education and impact.***

Action Item #1

Explore growth of international research opportunities for our students





STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

SUSTAINABLE FUNDING



*At the Faculty of Human Kinetics, our fourth strategic priority within Graduate Studies is to **increase sources of sustainable funding.***

Action Item #1

Increased internal scholarship and travel funding (with and without a presentation requirement) opportunities.

Action Item #2

Conduct scholarship writing workshops.





STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT



*At the Faculty of Human Kinetics, our fifth strategic priority within Graduate Studies is to **enhance the professional and personal development of graduate students.***

Action Item #1

Support the Kinesiology Graduate Student Association in educating students on available resources and workshops and promoting the value of their participation in on-campus professional development opportunities (e.g., Career Development and Experiential Learning Workshops: www.success.uwindsor.ca; University Teaching, Certificate Program, Faculty of Graduate Studies PROPEL: <http://www.uwindsor.ca/graduate-profdev/>), alumni career path seminars, and experiential training experiences.

Action Item #2

Support the Kinesiology Graduate Student Association in increasing awareness of graduate student-focused wellness initiatives, with priority topics potentially including: self-care, work-life balance, professional relationships, stress management, HK counselling (new), financial counselling, managing academic and career pressure (to be informed by a Graduate Student Town Hall meeting), creating international student mentoring process.



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