

## Dear Friends and Alumni of The Graduate School:

Students often find themselves balancing their deep commitment for their academic studies with larger financial and social responsibilities to spouses, children, and parents. The mission of The Graduate School is to assist our students through these challenges, by providing support from admissions through graduation. The Graduate School is a strong advocate for graduate student success, promoting campus-wide "best practices" for graduate, professional and post-doctoral education. We also provide tuition benefits, medical insurance subsidy, fellowship and travel opportunities, assistance with thesis completion, and career development and career services for our graduate and professional students.

Many of our alumni have benefitted from long-term, endowed graduate fellowships administered by The Graduate School, including support through the Graduate Fellowship Fund, the Steffenson Cannon Scholarship and the Marriner S. Eccles Fellowship. These fellowship opportunities provide graduate students increased freedom to fully concentrate on their academic studies, eliminating the need for outside employment and reducing the financial burdens on their families.

Inspired by the impact of these fellowships, we have been working to develop and grow partnerships that support high quality graduate education across the entire campus. We ask that you consider building upon our growing success with a gift, either to your own department or college priorities, or directly to The Graduate School to support campus-wide graduate fellowships. For donations made to the Graduate School Fellowship Fund, we will match your donation, thereby doubling the impact of your support for graduate students across the entire campus. Your generous support is the key to opening up the benefits of high-quality graduate and professional education to our broader community.

In closing, I send you my sincere thanks for your ongoing support of high-quality graduate and professional education at the University of Utah.

Dave Kieda Dean, The Graduate School