



## Graduate Student Advising Overview (25–26)

*GVSU prioritizes high-quality graduate advising to ensure academic and professional success. Graduate advising is a shared responsibility among faculty, staff, and students, with support from campus-wide resources.*

### **Key Considerations:**

- Graduate faculty and staff advisors help graduate students plan academic paths, develop research projects, explore career pathways, gain relevant workforce-readiness experience, and pursue professional goals.
- Graduate students are expected to engage proactively in advising relationships and academic planning.
- Graduate Program Directors (GPDs) organize program orientations, ensure advising assignments, support graduate students, and oversee graduate program quality.
- Thesis and dissertation chairs, committees, project supervisors, internship coordinators, and external advisors provide academic expertise, feedback, mentorship, and career support.