

Focus on Graduate Education

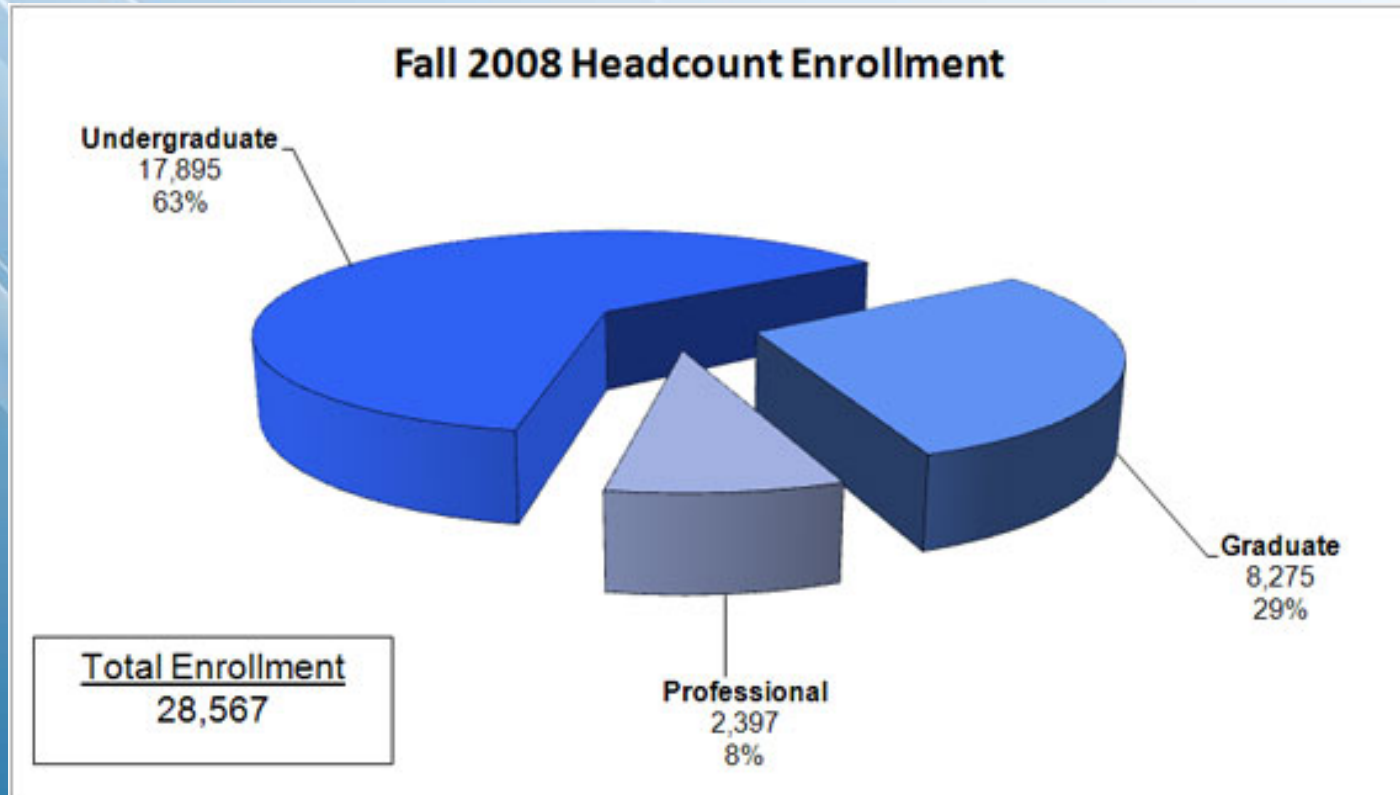
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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

Graduate students – 29% of the student body



Source: Office of Institutional Research & Assessment (GA010).
As of Census, September 3, 2008

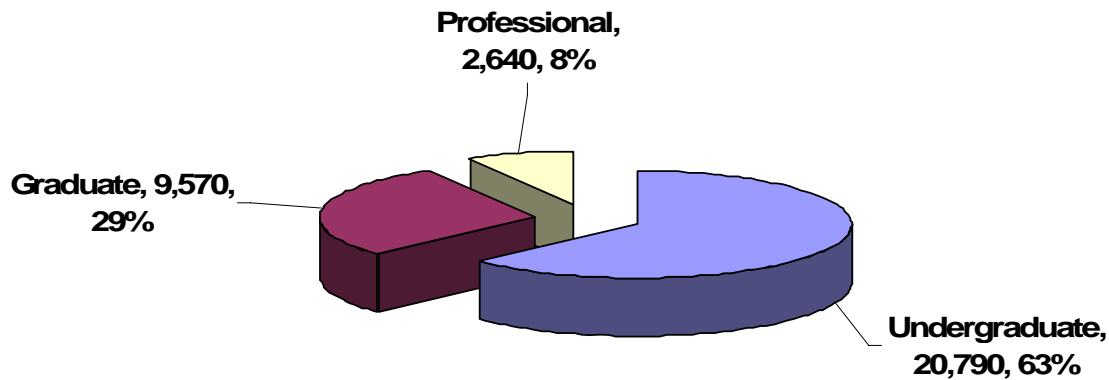


Graduate students

- are the engine that drives the research enterprise
- will be our future leaders, professors, researchers
- contribute to the quality of life on this campus, in the community and in the state
- contribute to the teaching mission
- are the life blood of a research university



Projected enrollment -- 2017



Based on a total enrollment of 33,000 students

This represents an increase in the graduate student population of ~1300 students



Growth in numbers

- New 'traditional' PhD programs
 - There are several on the horizon
- Strategic growth in current PhD programs
 - Many have capacity for growth
- Grow 'free standing' masters programs
 - Capacity for growth here also
- New masters programs
 - 3+1 programs
 - Part-time masters students
 - Professional science masters degrees



UNC-CH is not competitive

- Are we competing with our peers to get the very best applicants?
 - Yes
- Do the very best students decide to attend UNC-Chapel Hill?
 - No; we lose many to our peers
 - Changes in support packages in elite privates
 - Increasing incentives and compensation for high-achieving research students



Growth will require support

- Single largest impediment to growth of current programs is 1st-year student support
 - Increase the instructional budget
 - Increase the tuition remission budget
 - Raise money for non-service merit support
 - More competitive
 - Better training for our TAs
 - Pedagogically sound strategy
- Launch an aggressive fund raising campaign to provide merit support for graduate students

