Program Overview

Promoting Excellence in Graduate Studies (PEGS) a Title-V PPOHA (Promoting Post-Baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans) institutional grant awarded to CSUDH (2010-2015), was a multi-faceted program for graduate students designed to 1) improve their critical thinking, 2) strengthen their research and writing skills, 3) enhance their intellectual development, 4) promote graduate-level scholarship, and 5) strengthen graduate students’ ties to the academic community.

The Graduate Writing Institute for Excellence (GWIE), the second consecutive Title-V PPOHA institutional grant awarded to CSUDH (2014-2019), represents CSUDH’s first-ever Graduate Writing Center, built upon the foundation laid by PEGS. As such, PEGS’ GWIE continues to provide both programs and services designed to promote academic excellence, encouraging interaction and collaboration among and between a variety of stake-holders, from various campus organizations and entities to individual students and faculty.

Mission Statement

PEGS’ GWIE is dedicated to promoting academic excellence with graduate-level reading, writing, and research. The student programs and services are designed to enhance critical thinking and communication skills and provide unique empowerment opportunities for life-long learning, all toward helping graduates make a positive impact, both locally and globally.

Consultations & Workshops

Writing consultations & workshops are the backbone of GWIE’s student-centered services. Students work to improve their research and writing skills through one-on-one tutorials and activity based seminars with graduate/doctoral level writing consultants.

Consultations Workshops Grad Pathways Total
Conversations Year 2 904 859 305 483
Workshops Year 2 1504 366 546 2679
Grad Pathways MA, PhD 1467
Total 2679 546 3584

Research Assistantships

Research Assistantships fund faculty-student collaborative research projects, culminating in a co-authored scholarly publication. Stipends are awarded to both faculty and student assistant to help fund the original research.

Graduate Pathways

Graduate Pathways prepares students to apply for graduate or post-graduate programs. Students receive coaching on researching programs, writing personal statements, financial aid, & updating resumes/CV’s.

2014: Designed and developed the Graduate Writing Institute for Excellence (GWIE) to promote discipline-specific research, curricular modifications and enhancements, academic/professional tutoring services and activities to meet the specific educational needs of the target population within their programs of study. Year 1 focused on employing 8 GWCs, 4 Faculty/fellows & building the GWIE offices: furniture, screens LCD, projector, whiteboards, technology, laptops, desktops, website developer, website software application, marketing materials, & policy handbooks for program services and staff.