Graduate Education at Emporia State University is, quite simply, life-changing. As an Emporia State graduate student, you have the tools to transform your life for the better, to help you follow your passion and to become a recognized scholar and critical thinker.

Beginning February 2013, Emporia State will celebrate 150 Years of Excellence. Since 1863 more than 150,000 students have studied at Emporia State and have gone on to careers throughout the world in business and industry, education, and the professional fields.

“One of the things I love about being a graduate student in my department is the wealth of intellectual diversity among professors. No matter what kind of project I’ve worked on or interest I’ve developed, there’s always been somebody within the department who has been able to offer help, direction or knowledge. The range of expertise among the professors is rather amazing: poetry, creative writing, linguistics, feminist literature, 18th century drama, young adult literature, Holocaust literature, journalism, etc. There is a qualified mind to pick for virtually every area within the discipline.”

Ingrid Ponciano
Master of Library Science
The thing that I like is Emporia State’s size because it’s not too big and not too small. It has a great comfort level and there is a good student to professor ratio. Usually within a week the professors know everyone in the class. It’s important to put an effort toward developing a relationship with your professors. Here at Emporia State that isn’t hard to do.

Jen Moran
Master of Arts-English
Emporia State University is a school known around the nation as an educational school. I always knew that if I was going to school for something then I wanted that school to be known for making a difference in that field. So being in education it was easy to pick Emporia State.

Scott Riebel
Master of Science-Master Teacher/Elementary Subject Matter
Yes, Girls Can Do Math & Science

Although on many TV programs women are doctors, forensic scientists, engineers and mathematicians, it is rare that young girls actually get an opportunity to meet women actually working in these fields.

Emporia State has two programs that give girls the opportunity to learn from female professionals who are actually working in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Mathematics professors Dr. Betsy Yanik and Dr. Marvin Harrell are faculty directors for Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) and Mathematics and Science to Explore Careers: Investigating Together (MASTER IT).

“IT’s difficult to suddenly decide to become an engineer or a scientist since these subject areas build upon themselves,” says Yanik. “IT is crucial at this young age that girls are motivated and encouraged to stay in math and science so they have that background.”

For empowering young girls in the sciences, Yanik received the The Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring at the White House.

U.S. News Rankings

- Emporia State is ranked as a Tier 1 Top 100 Regional University in the 2012 edition of “Best Colleges” compiled by U.S. News & World Report.
- Emporia State’s School of Business named a best value by U.S. News & World Report.

“I’m a foreign exchange student, and I decided to come to Emporia State’s School of Business based on its AACSB International accreditation, a designation held by only 5 percent of the business schools worldwide.”

Han Yan
Master of Business Administration
I was able to work on a project with students from China, the United States and Taiwan. We were all in different time zones and still were able to work out a common time to meet on Skype and work on the project. It is amazing working with so many different people from different countries.

Qing Zhang
Master of Science-Instructional Design and Technology
Many of us only experience devastation and disaster through images and stories that we see on the evening news. The images that Art Therapy Counseling Professor Dr. Gaelynn Wolf Bordonaro uses in her work, however, are not those filmed by cameras and news teams, they are drawn by small hands.

Over the past five years, she has worked with children, educators, doctors, psychologists and other mental health providers all over the world to help them gain an understanding of how art can become an important part of the healing process for children living in areas affected by disasters and epidemics.

As an art therapist, her work has taken her to some of the most devastated areas of the world. In regions affected by natural and human-made disasters, the child victims are often the most difficult to assess because they have difficulty verbally expressing their fears.

In 2009, Wolf Bordonaro traveled with Emporia State graduate student Ann Blake to South Africa to work with child victims. South Africa is one of a growing number of countries on the continent that is ravaged by the AIDS epidemic.

“For many people who experience disasters, particularly natural disasters, the event interrupts their lives and any sense of normalcy,” says Wolf Bordonaro. “In Haiti, not unlike regions impacted by war, long-term political and economic disruptions were exacerbated by the earthquake. The earthquake was not the cause of the turmoil.”

“Every time I look at my e-mail I see an e-mail from you or the school. I can’t tell you how thankful I am for everything you are doing for me and how happy I am with this program. I am hundreds of miles away and I feel like I hear something from the faculty at ESU every day!”

Matt Binder
Master of Science-Health, Physical Education and Recreation
In the graduate program, you become a professional in the field. The faculty recognize this and expect a great deal from the graduate students. I can go and talk to them about anything and work closely with the faculty. It is more like a team than a graduate assistant vs. a faculty member.

Ryan Brooks
Master of Arts-History
To Dr. Marc Childress, professor and chair of the Instructional Design & Technology department (IDT), it's important to make online students feel like they are a part of the university community.

A research interest for Childress is in the area of heutagogy, an advanced form of self-directed learning, designed with broader goals so students learn more on their own. “It’s about actually letting the students create some of the goals and what they want out of the class. We sometimes call it ‘double-loop learning’ because they learn something then reflect about how that might impact what they are doing and it continues in a circle like that.”

Childress explains that heutagogy also takes into account the changing role of teachers. “The role of the instructor has changed dramatically,” he stresses. “It used to be that we knew everything, and if it wasn’t in your textbook, you asked your professor and if your professor didn’t know then you just didn’t know.”

The online classroom makes a huge difference for the students, according to Childress. “International students bring a whole other dimension to the program,” he says. “If you go to a typical program, you will have students who are just from that same general vicinity with the same experiences.

“Being online, I can have students with different backgrounds and experiences from anywhere in the world,” he adds. “You just can’t replicate that face-to-face.”

“Two of my graduate students received prestigious travel awards from the general meeting of America Society of Cell Biology, the largest cell biology conference in the world. I co-authored articles with my students and always put my students as the first authors to honor their wonderful work.”

Dr. Yixin Eric Yang
Associate Professor of Biology
One of the most valuable experiences as a graduate student was traveling to professional conferences. I went to Mexico for four days. I received grants from ESU and from the professional association. I was able to see research from an international perspective. I have gone to Texas to listen to presentations and presented in Kansas. These experiences have created the connections and networks I need to get a job after I complete the program.

Skyler Delmott
Master of Science-Biology
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Financial Support

Financial Aid for Graduate Students
Emporia State has one of the most competitive tuition rates in Kansas and the nation. You can obtain a quality education at an affordable cost.

Fellowships and scholarships toward tuition are awarded to qualified full-time and part-time graduate students based on academic excellence and/or demonstrated need.

In addition, financial support is available through state and federal agencies. Such support may depend on the financial need of the student. For federal aid, please file the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at fafsa.ed.gov. You must have a federally assigned PIN to electronically sign your FAFSA. To apply for a PIN, please visit pin.ed.gov.

Emporia State participates in the Federal grant, loan and work programs, as well as the State of Kansas scholarship and work programs. Eligibility for these programs is based on results from a completed FAFSA. The Office of Financial Aid assists students with the FAFSA questions and the process for receiving grants, loans, and work-study. For more information, visit www.emporia.edu/finaid.

Graduate Application
The requirements for graduate admission include:
- Bachelors degree from a regionally accredited institution
- A minimum GPA of 2.5 in last 60 hours
- All official transcripts
- Application fee
- Completion of departmental requirements

To apply to the Graduate School at ESU, go to http://www.emporia.edu/grad/admissions for online application. If you have questions on admissions, contact Mary Sewell at msewell@emporia.edu.

Graduate Assistantships
An assistantship at ESU is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable experience in your field of study and receive a stipend and tuition waiver while you complete your graduate program!

Three types of graduate assistantships are available at ESU—research, teaching, and administrative. About 150 positions are offered through various academic and non-academic departments. Graduate assistants receive a stipend of about $7,200 and receive a tuition waiver during each term in which they hold a full-time appointment (20 hours per week). Graduate assistants are also eligible for student health insurance with the university contributing a substantial portion of the premium.

Applications are available at http://www.emporia.edu/grad/graduateassistants.

Travel, Research & Awards
Graduate students can receive travel assistance for presenting at regional, national, or international conferences. Awards range from $150 to $500.

Graduate students can submit a research proposal and receive a $500 research grant to support their work.

Two outstanding graduate teaching assistants are chosen each year and receive a monetary award and recognition at the Annual Undergraduate/Graduate Research Forum held each spring.

Tutoring & Assistance
Students can receive online tutoring and assistance through Smarthinking and on-campus through various tutoring centers (e.g. Writing, Math).

Library Resources
Emporia State’s William Allen White Library houses more than 133,000 print volumes. Its electronic library contains scores of databases, thousands of full-text journals and electronic books, all accessible online from wherever you are.

Housing
Graduate students who need on-campus housing can apply for housing through Residential Life. In addition, affordable off-campus housing is readily available throughout the City of Emporia.
My undergraduate is in meteorology and I have decided to come back for graduate school. I actually do the weather on one of the local Topeka TV stations and I’ve been trying to change career directions. I thought this would be a perfect fit since it pulls from the experiences that I already have. I was also given a teaching assistantship opportunity at Emporia State University.

Ashley Feaster
Master of Science-Physical Science
Beyond the Classroom

How great would it be to find a way to enhance your education while having a once-in-a-lifetime experience? Well, at Emporia State, it’s possible, and it’s not hard at all. Among many study abroad opportunities, the university recently sent students to Australia for the Hornets Down Under experience.

From the classroom and beyond, Emporia State offers its students the world.

Dr. Kathy Ermler, Dean of the Graduate School, and Dr. Shawna Shane, Chair of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (HPER) department, were the two faculty members who facilitated the trip.

The trip to Australia was planned around a few central ideas. “We wanted the students to be able to learn how a different education system works, to see diversity in another country, and to experience service learning there, while at the same time discovering that its culture isn’t so much different from their own,” Shane explains. “These students learned so much more than coursework.” Shane believes that some things simply can’t be taught in a classroom.

As student Ashley Vogts explains: “We got to trek through a rainforest and even snorkel the Great Barrier Reef, things some of us only dream of experiencing!”

“The SLIM program strongly encourages students to attend and present at professional conferences and conventions. They financially support students who are presenting papers or posters at conventions and conferences. Faculty are always encouraging students to join associations, be part of round tables, to write papers and network.”

Ingrid Ponciano
Master of Library Science
# Graduate Degree Programs

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GRADUATE SCHOOL and DISTANCE EDUCATION

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