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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

82nd Annual MAGS Meeting

March 25-27, 2026

Marriott at Country Club Plaza, Kansas City, MO

Conference Theme:

Breaking the Standard: Responding to Rhythms of Disruption in Graduate Education

Disruption is now a steady beat in graduate education. At the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools (MAGS), **Breaking the Standard: Responding to Rhythms of Disruption in Graduate Education** will focus on practical strategies for adapting programs, policies, and supports. Kansas City's jazz history reminds us that flexibility and collaboration can turn uncertainty into innovation.

We welcome [abstract submissions](#) that demonstrate evidence-informed responses to change: redesigns that improved outcomes, pilots that scaled, policies that increased access, technologies that truly helped, and collaborations that held up under pressure. Share what you tried, what you learned, and what others can adopt.

Submissions can include:

- Presentations
- Panels
- Facilitated Discussions

Potential Topics:

- Improvisation in Curriculum & Policy Design
- Ensemble Leadership & Collaboration
- Student Well-Being Under Disruption
- Equity-Centered Adaptation
- AI, Data, and Emerging Tech as New Instruments
- Assessment that Holds Its Tempo
- Advising & Mentoring that Scales
- Operational Resilience
- Work-Integrated & Community-Engaged Learning
- Research Cultures that Weather Change
- Micro-Credentials & Alternative Pathways
- Future-Forward Program Design

How to Submit:

Please complete the [submission form](#) with the following information:

- **Session Title**
- **Session Description** (200-250 words): This will be used for the conference website and promotional materials.
- **Session Leader Contact Information:** Name, Title, Affiliation, Email, Phone
- **Additional Presenter(s) Contact Information:** Name, Title, Affiliation, Email, Phone

Priority Deadline: October 15, 2025

Abstracts will be reviewed by the planning committee, and notifications of acceptance will be sent in mid-November.

Questions? Contact Pieter deHart, MAGS 2026 Conference Chair, at pieter.dehart@mnsu.edu.