

Discussion Questions for Workshop on U.S. Graduate Education Trends and Challenges

1. Should graduate education for the 21st century differ in purpose and structure from past goals and models?
2. If the answer to 1 is “ja,” how does a university bring about change in a graduate culture to adapt to 21st century demands on graduate education?
3. How do the challenges and best practices in the U.S. compare to those in Germany?
 - a. Retention and time to degree
 - b. Ethics and responsible conduct of research issues
 - c. Preparing Future Faculty and Preparing Future Professionals (workforce issues and transferable skills)
 - d. Internationalization of graduate education and research
4. Is it important to share best practice models?
 - a. Within Germany
 - b. Among countries
5. What are the best ways to disseminate best practice models?
6. Does the U.S. model of university-wide graduate schools hold any promise in Germany or Europe?