**Dismissal from the School of Graduate Studies**

Graduate students may be dismissed from the graduate program for cause. This may include unsatisfactory academic performance, failure to pass qualifying examinations, poor research performance, breaches of scientific integrity, i.e., plagiarism, falsification of data, etc. or personnel issues, i.e., harassment.

Dismissal of a student from Graduate School is initiated by the program director of the student's program and approved by a vote of the faculty of that program. A recommendation for dismissal is then submitted in writing to the Dean of the Graduate School. Following his approval, the Dean will notify the student of the intention to dismiss. Students have the right to appeal any disciplinary action as outlined in the [Appeals Process](#).