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ETS and CGS Announce New Award for Graduate Schools

“Award for Innovation in Promoting Success in Graduate Education: from Admissions through Completion”

(May 22, 2009) -- Educational Testing Service (ETS) and the Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) are pleased to announce the creation of an annual award to recognize institutions with innovative campus-based initiatives to increase graduate students' success and degree completion while promoting inclusiveness.

The \$20,000 award, with an institutional matching grant, acknowledges best practices that span from admission to graduation.

“We are pleased to collaborate with the Council of Graduate Schools on this important effort,” says ETS Vice President and COO David G. Payne. “If by offering this award we can assist deserving programs that advance students' success and institutions' effectiveness, then it's something that's certainly worthy of our support.”

“The graduate education community is most grateful to ETS for stepping forward on this,” says Debra W. Stewart, CGS President. “Both our organizations recognize the importance of supporting graduate school efforts to link innovative admissions practices with other institutional practices that promise to improve student success.”

The first award will be presented at the 2009 CGS Annual Meeting this December in San Francisco.

To learn more about the award and application process visit www.cgsnet.org.

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About the Council of Graduate Schools

The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) is an organization of over 500 institutions of higher education in the United States and Canada engaged in graduate education, research, and the preparation of candidates for advanced degrees. Among U.S. institutions, CGS members award 95% of the doctoral degrees and 84% of the master's degrees.* The organization's mission is to improve and advance graduate education, which it accomplishes through advocacy in the federal policy arena, research, and the development and dissemination of best practices. www.cgsnet.org

* Based on data from the 2007 *CGS/GRE Survey of Graduate Enrollment and Degrees*.

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