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A national spokesperson for graduate education in America, Debra Stewart became the fifth president of the Council of Graduate Schools in July, 2000. Prior to coming to the Council, Stewart was Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Graduate School at North Carolina State University. She also served as Interim Chancellor at UNC-Greensboro (1994) and as graduate dean and then vice provost (1988-1998) at N.C. State. The Council of Graduate Schools is the leading U.S. organization dedicated to the improvement and advancement of graduate education. Its over 500 members award over 90% of all U.S. doctorates and approximately 75% of all U.S. master's degrees. CGS currently has 26 international universities among its membership.

Stewart's service to graduate education includes chair of the Graduate Record Examination Board, the Council on Research Policy and Graduate Education, the Board of Directors of Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and the Board of Directors of Council of Graduate Schools. She also served as vice chair of the ETS Board of Trustees, as Trustee of the Triangle Center for Advanced Studies, as a member the

American Council on Education Board and several National Research Council Committees. She currently serves on the National Research Council Board on Higher Education and the Workforce, the National Research Council Committee on Educational Paradigms for Homeland Security, and advisory boards for the Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate, the Responsive Ph.D. Project, and the Task Force on Immigration and America's Future.

Stewart received her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, her master's degree in government from the University of Maryland, and her B.A. from Marquette University where she majored in philosophy. In November 2007, her leadership in graduate education was recognized by the Université Pierre et Marie Curie with an honorary doctorate. She is the author or coauthor of numerous scholarly articles on administrative theory and public policy. Her disciplinary research focuses on ethics and managerial decision making. With sustained support from the National Science Foundation, she has conducted research on political attitudes and moral reasoning among public officials in Poland and Russia.