



BRADLEY UNIVERSITY
The Graduate School

**The strength of
Bradley's graduate programs
lies in the outstanding quality
of its faculty who possess
a strong commitment to
facilitating student learning,
and to advancing knowledge
relevant to society's local,
regional, and global needs.**

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Leading since 1897

Lydia Moss Bradley, an entrepreneur, a philanthropist and a passionate humanitarian, **founded Bradley University** in **1897**. She was the first female to serve on the board of directors of a national bank in the U.S., one of only a few women in the 19th century to establish a university, and the first to establish a park system in Illinois. Mrs. Bradley was inducted into the **National Women's Hall of Fame** in 1998.

Bradley University links academic excellence, experiential learning and leadership development for a world-class education.

Welcome to BRADLEY UNIVERSITY

As the dean of the Graduate School, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you. As you explore the possibility of pursuing an advanced degree at Bradley University, you will discover that we offer a host of high quality, rigorous and interdisciplinary master's and certificate programs and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy.



Graduate programs at Bradley focus on knowledge, development of critical thinking ability, problem-solving skills, research and scholarship as well as application to real-world situations. Seamlessly linking the theoretical with practical hands-on learning through best practices is essential to experiential learning excellence at Bradley.

Bradley professors are leaders in their fields, outstanding collaborators and mentors, and committed to the success of their students. This dedicated group of faculty works closely with students on collaborative research and independent or group projects.

Recent student-faculty projects include designing interactions with robots to assist children with autism; studying the causes of back stiffness; measuring the activity of solar cells; studying Irish myth and poetry; modeling the genetics of one-celled organisms; and testing a new class of antibiotics.

Beyond the classroom, there are abundant opportunities to collaborate with area businesses and organizations, including a Fortune 50 corporation. Bradley is located in Peoria, the heart of central Illinois, and boasts the largest school system and medical and media center in the downstate area. Faculty at Bradley are the recipients of numerous grants that provide opportunities for faculty- and student-designed projects.

I invite you to visit our beautiful park-like campus to learn more about a graduate program of interest to you. If you are ready for the next step in your education or career, get ready to go far by going Bradley.

Jeffrey Bakken, Dean
The Graduate School
and Sponsored Research

GO *far*, GO BRADLEY



Distinctive Programs & Features of the Graduate School

- The **Executive MBA, Accelerated MBA, Quantitative Finance, and Accounting programs** provide the skills and knowledge that you can apply immediately to your professional work. Each program offers you an international study course and the opportunity to experience firsthand a growing international economy—a life-changing experience that is not offered in every graduate business school.
- Bradley graduate students in **Accounting ranked in the Top 8% in the nation** for their pass rate on the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam for candidates with advanced degrees (2012).
- The **Doctorate in Physical Therapy** ranks as one of only four Illinois Physical Therapy programs in *U.S. News & World Report's* Top 100 (2012).
- The **Master of Science in Nursing** programs in Administration and Education boast a 100% professional placement rate in leadership positions as nursing executives and nurse educators.
- Newly renovated Westlake Hall, designed to meet Gold LEED certification standards by the U.S. Green Building Council, provides state-of-the-art laboratories and a counseling research and training clinic for students in our **leadership programs in education, health care, human services, and professional counseling.**
- The **Master of Fine Arts**, a National School of Art & Design accredited program, offers students a mastery of a chosen art medium, a historic awareness of the art discipline, and eligibility to teach at the university level. Students benefit from the resources of the Inland Visual Studies Center that explores theoretical foundations of the production of art and design in Mid-America.
- Graduate programs in **Engineering and Technology** are taught by top-educated professors with valuable industry knowledge and real-world experiences that prepare students for success in today's technologically advanced global workplace.
- Courses are offered in **Engineering and Technology** for licensure, professional development hours (PDH), and as preparation for enhanced career opportunities.
- The research-intensive nature of our **Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry** graduate programs, supported by an extensive array of modern instrumentation, leads our students to think independently, learn actively, and communicate effectively in preparation for prestigious doctoral programs, professional education or careers with high salary potential.
- The **Master of Arts in English** offers a dynamic and personalized degree. Working closely with our nationally renowned graduate faculty, students receive firsthand experience and professional development in literature, creative writing, professional communication, and rhetoric and composition, which prepares them for further study at the doctoral level and a wide variety of career opportunities.
- Students in the **Master of Science in Computer Science and Computer Information Systems programs** are prepared for professional careers in security, databases, networks, software engineering, mobile computing, project management, computing management, and Web development. Both programs combine core course and concentration requirements for a breadth of knowledge and flexibility in choosing one area for in-depth knowledge.

36
Graduate
PROGRAMS

student to
faculty ratio
3:1
average class size : 16

21
institutes
& centers

students from
18
COUNTRIES & U.S.

99%
placement rate
for students within six
months of graduation

Bradley University has offered graduate level education for 66 years. The Graduate School now offers 36 Certificate, Master's, and Doctoral programs in fields as diverse as business, engineering, and the sciences, to art, education, and nursing. Degree programs are available in each of our five academic colleges. All Bradley full-time graduate school faculty members hold a terminal degree.

Bradley's Graduate School specializes in professional programs for emerging leaders. The strength of graduate education lies in the close collaboration of students with faculty and professional partners. Small classes, professional experience, and a graduate student-to-faculty ratio of 3:1 give students the best in hands-on learning. Collaborative partnerships in research and creative production are rooted in the latest applied, real-world knowledge that centers on experiential learning. In the classroom, the lab, or in a clinical setting, faculty and students make contributions to the sciences, the arts, and education.

The campus hosts graduate students from more than eighteen countries. About one-third of the graduate students bring international study experiences to campus and international study exchanges are common. This diversity provides valuable domestic and global perspectives on current issues and opportunities.

Graduate School applicants whose native language is not English are required to submit the results of the TOEFL or IELTS as evidence of English proficiency.

Graduate courses are offered during the day or in the evenings, depending on the program.



Accelerated Master's Programs

There are eight accredited Master's Programs: Accounting, Quantitative Finance, Nursing Administration, Nursing Education, RN to MS Nursing, Biology, Chemistry, and Biochemistry. They allow undergraduate students to take graduate courses while working on their undergraduate degree. With these focused programs of study, highly qualified and motivated students can earn their graduate degrees more quickly and can gain an advantage in the competitive marketplace.

Financial Aid

The Graduate School generously supports students with assistantships and scholarships each year. Most graduate assistants in Master's programs receive a minimum of a 50 percent tuition waiver and a stipend. Last year, nearly 80 percent of graduate students received financial support. Beyond the assistance provided by Bradley, support is also provided by state and federal funding agencies, as well as by private businesses with a local, national, and international presence.



Master's and Certificate Programs and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy

Bradley University's Graduate School offers sought-after graduate programs that originate in its five colleges. The Graduate School also offers two professional-level Master's Degrees.



Graduate School

- Professional Master of Arts in Elementary Math, Science, and Technology Education
- Professional Master of Arts in Environmental Science Education

Foster College of Business

- Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Master of Science in Accounting (MSA)
- Master of Science in Quantitative Finance
- Graduate Certificate in Management

Slane College of Communications and Fine Arts

- Master of Arts (MA)
- Master of Fine Arts (MFA)

College of Education and Health Sciences

Programs in Curriculum and Instruction

- Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction (MA)
- Certificate in Curriculum and Instruction (Post-Master's & Post-Bachelor's)

Programs in Leadership in Education, Human Services and Counseling

- Master of Arts in Leadership in Educational Administration (MA)

- Certificate in Educational Administration: Type 75 (Post-Master's)
- Master of Arts in Human Development Counseling – Clinical Mental Health Counseling (MA)
- Certificate in Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Post-Master's)
- Master of Arts in Human Development Counseling – School Counseling (MA)
- Certificate in School Counseling (Post-Master's)
- Master of Arts in Leadership in Human Service Administration (MA)

Programs in Physical Therapy

- Doctor of Physical Therapy

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

- Master of Arts in English (MA)
- Master of Liberal Studies (MLS)
- Master of Science in Biology (MS)
- Master of Science in Chemistry (MS)
- Master of Science in Biochemistry (MS)
- Master of Science in Computer Information Systems (MS)
- Master of Science in Computer Science (MS)



Programs in Family and Consumer Sciences

- Dietetic Internship Certificate

Programs in Nursing

- Master of Science in Nursing Administration (MSN)
- Master of Science in Nursing Education (MSN)
- Master of Science in Nursing – General (MSN)
- Certificate in Nursing Education (Post-Master's)

Caterpillar College of Engineering and Technology

- Master of Science in Civil Engineering (MSCE)
- Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (MSEE)
- Master of Science in Industrial Engineering (MSIE)
- Master of Science in Manufacturing Engineering (MSMfE)
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (MSME)



Financial Assistance

Through scholarships, assistantships, stipends, and loans, the Graduate School helps students realize their educational goals. Scholarships and assistantships provide from 20% to 100% tuition reduction on courses numbered 500 – 899 up to a maximum of 18 to 30 graduate semester hours per academic year, depending on the program. Scholarships renew annually at the same level for students who are continuously enrolled for fall and spring semesters, maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0, and remain in good academic standing (i.e. not on academic probation or academically dismissed). Assistantship renewals are competitive. Additional requirements may apply; please contact the Graduate School for details.

Graduate students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents or asylees may apply for U.S. federal student aid. U.S. Federal student aid is not applicable for international students or those on temporary visas; however, international students are often eligible for many other sources of financial aid, including the opportunities listed below.

For more information on how to manage the cost of your Bradley graduate education, visit bradley.edu/gradfinaid.

Graduate Tuition Scholarships

The Graduate School rewards exceptional performance as an undergraduate through the award of Graduate Tuition Scholarships. Approved students receive a tuition reduction based on their qualifying GPA.

| Qualifying GPA | Scholarship | Tuition Reduction |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 3.25 – 3.74 | Graduate Merit Scholarship | 20% |
| 3.75 – 4.00 | Graduate Excellence Scholarship | 35% |

Only those students admitted to a degree program are eligible for these awards. All applicants for admission are automatically considered for these scholarships.

Professional Educators Scholarships (PES)

This opportunity is available to all full-time school district employees seeking degrees or certificates in Curriculum & Instruction, Leadership in Educational Administration, Community Mental Health Counseling, or School Counseling (ECI, ECI-C, EDA, EDA-C, EDCMH, EDCMH-C, EDCS, EDCS-C). The PES is also available to full-time school district employees seeking a degree in English, Biology, Chemistry, Biochemistry, or Art (ENG, BIO, BIOCHM, CHM, ART). This scholarship is not available to candidates in the Masters of Liberal Studies program.

The PES is valued at up to 50% of the prevailing tuition rate for up to 18 semester hours per academic year, and cannot

be used in conjunction with any other university-supported financial assistance programs. Eligibility for the PES is determined at the point of admission to one of the qualified programs of study. Students must be admitted unconditionally to one of the qualified programs of study and have a minimum 3.0/4.0 GPA. The PES will renew at the same level as long as the student is continuously enrolled (fall and spring semesters), maintains a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0/4.0, and remains in good academic standing (i.e. not on academic probation or academically dismissed.) Applicants should indicate their interest in the Professional Educators Scholarship in the Financial Assistance section of the Application for Graduate School Admission. To be ensured consideration, applicants are required to submit a Full-time School District Employee Verification Form.

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate assistantships provide an opportunity for students to work with faculty or staff, generally in their chosen field. Assistantships are highly competitive, but for students who excel in their field of study, they can be an excellent way to gain experience while financing an education. Assistants are paid a stipend and receive a tuition scholarship. A full-time assistant receives a 100% tuition reduction on qualifying courses. A half-time assistant receives a 50% tuition reduction on qualifying courses. Graduate assistants are also paid a stipend. The amount of the stipend varies by department and program. Tuition aid from a graduate assistantship cannot be used in conjunction with any other university-supported financial assistance award. A graduate assistant must be admitted to a degree program and must intend to study full-time. To apply for a graduate assistantship, return the Graduate Assistantship Application with a current resume to The Graduate School (200 Bradley Hall). The recommended deadline for applying for a Graduate Assistantship for the fall semester is April 1.

Caterpillar Masters Fellowships

Caterpillar Masters Fellowships are awarded to outstanding students who have graduated from an accredited university, demonstrated superior academic achievement, and are committed to research and creative production. Students must be full-time, and are expected to complete a research project in their area of interest within two years. Students who are awarded Fellowships will work on a student-selected project under the guidance of a faculty mentor. The Fellowships qualify students for 100% of tuition aid (up to 21 semester hours for the academic year) and a stipend. Students who are awarded a Fellowship must apply for renewal of the Fellowship in their second year of study. To be considered, students must complete the Caterpillar Masters Fellowship Application form and submit their completed application and supporting materials to the Graduate School by March 1. Caterpillar Masters Fellowship applications are only accepted for those students applying to or admitted for the fall semester.



MAKING YOUR WAY *Home to Bradley*

“The Foster MBA program has strengthened my understanding of the key aspects inherent in managing resources on a financial, managerial, and an enterprise level. The program also provides me with a competitive advantage to advance my career since I can demonstrate that I understand the external and internal factors that drive maximum corporate potential.”

Bethany Jackson, Senior Engineer,
Development/Research, Caterpillar Inc.,
Master of Business Administration Candidate



“The graduate program within Bradley’s Department of Art offers hands-on experience in various art specializations from esteemed faculty members. Professors, who are actively

engaged in the arts, challenge students to push the boundaries in their studies.”

Alicia Conway, Master of Fine Arts Candidate



“One of the things I’ve appreciated most at Bradley is the outstanding faculty who are knowledgeable and experienced professionals and take the time to be available to students. Their personal involvement has made a huge difference in my professional growth.”

John Merrick, Master of Arts in Human Development
Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Candidate



“My experience at Bradley University is unique because as a graduate student, I have integrated my undergraduate research into my graduate



DIVISION I SPORTS



MARKIN FAMILY
STUDENT RECREATION
CENTER



MAIN STREET COMMONS

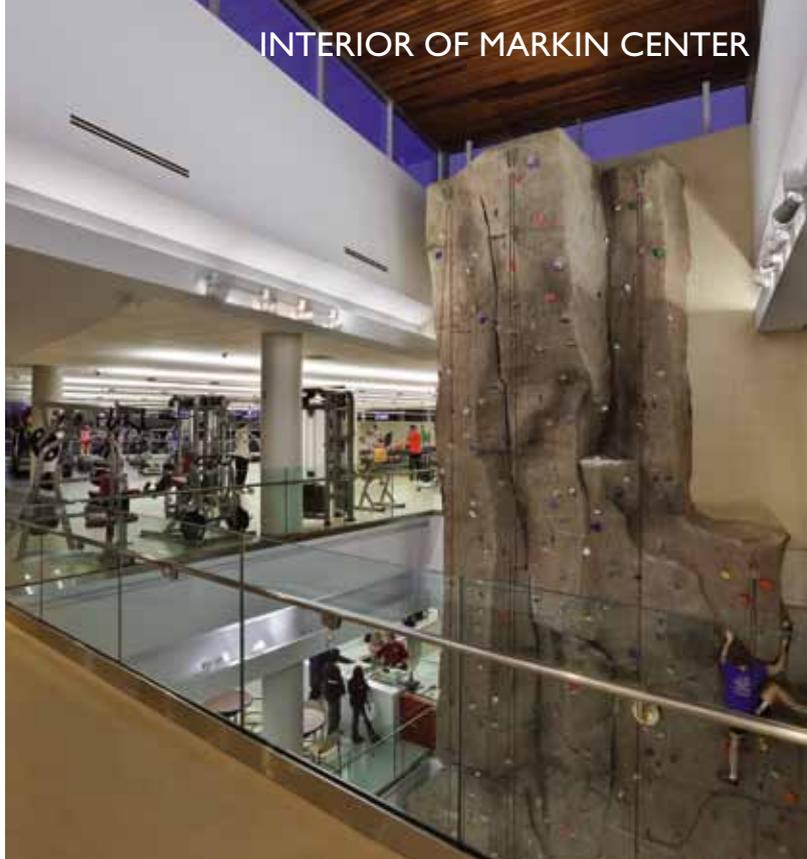
studies and thesis. The faculty offer numerous opportunities to explore new and growing fields of mechanical engineering that have led to many internship opportunities!”

Alyssa Macuk, Master of Science
in Mechanical Engineering Candidate



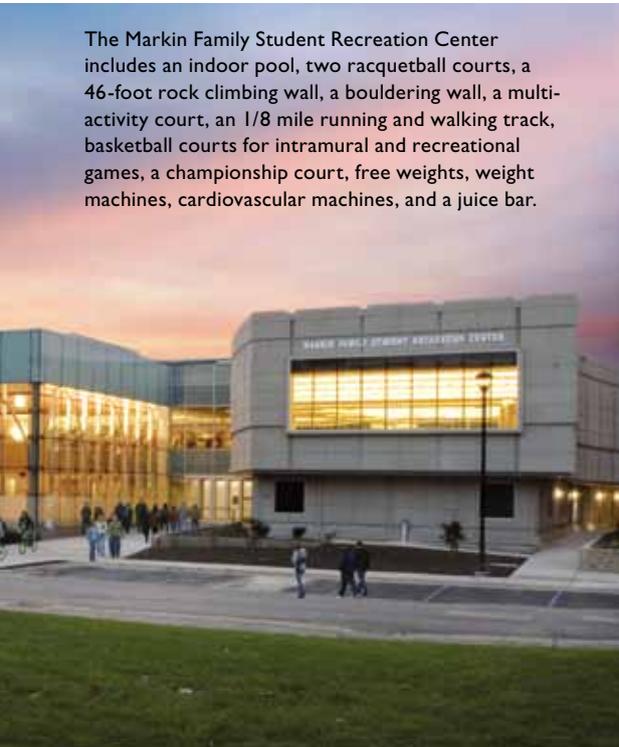
“After attending a large state university, I appreciate getting to know my professors and their personal interest in my studies. I have enjoyed working on several global competitions, research projects, and class projects with real clients who have taught me how to apply what I learned and how to manage deadlines. The networking opportunities are outstanding.”

John Griffith, Master of Science
in Computer Science Candidate



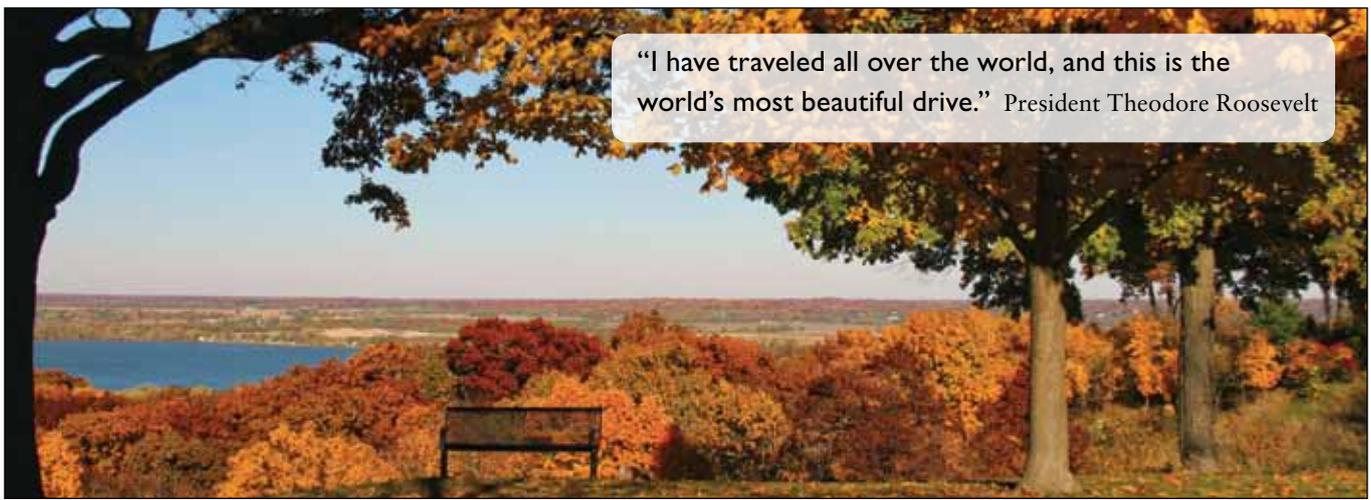
INTERIOR OF MARKIN CENTER

The Markin Family Student Recreation Center includes an indoor pool, two racquetball courts, a 46-foot rock climbing wall, a bouldering wall, a multi-activity court, an 1/8 mile running and walking track, basketball courts for intramural and recreational games, a championship court, free weights, weight machines, cardiovascular machines, and a juice bar.



ARTS & CULTURE





“I have traveled all over the world, and this is the world’s most beautiful drive.” President Theodore Roosevelt

BRADLEY *at a Glance*

Campus

Bradley is located in the historic West Bluff residential area just one mile from downtown Peoria and eight miles from the General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport. The university’s 84-acre park-like campus includes 77 buildings and facilities all within a 5-minute walk.

Peoria

Less than a 3-hour drive from Chicago, St. Louis, and Indianapolis, Peoria is the largest metropolitan area in downstate Illinois with a population of more than 360,000.

Transportation

Whether by train, plane, automobile, or bus, Peoria has numerous means of transportation enabling visitors to get in, out, and around the River City with ease. The General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport offers 26 daily flights on five airlines to nine national airports. Peoria Charter Coach provides five daily bus trips to locations in Chicago, including O’Hare International Airport.



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The General Wayne A. Downing Peoria International Airport makes it easy to get to Bradley.



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