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## Welcome

21st - century problems increasingly require solutions that integrate multiple methodologies and depend on disciplinary experts working collaboratively in interdisciplinary teams. The Office of Interdisciplinary Initiatives, in coordination with the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost and under the leadership of the Vice Provost and Dean of The Graduate School, is charged to lead the development of institutional policies and programs that enhance the University of Minnesota's ability to foster interdisciplinary inquiry by graduate students and graduate faculty. We expect these initiatives to transform our ability to conduct interdisciplinary research, scholarship and creative work, and to provide unparalleled interdisciplinary graduate education and training.

**Gail Dubrow**  
Vice Provost and  
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