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### **U of M Graduate School Relocates to the FedEx Institute of Technology**

February 18, 2016 – In the modern research universities of the United States of America, graduate students working under the guidance of research faculty on cutting-edge ideas have become the engine for innovation, interdisciplinary discourse and research advancement on campus. In recognition of this, the Graduate School of the University of Memphis recently relocated to the FedEx Institute of Technology - which serves as the front door and integrative hub of the University's research infrastructure and innovation capabilities - and will celebrate the move with a reception Thursday, February 18, at 5pm, FedEx Institute of Technology, suite 201. The move will allow the university to better serve its graduate students and strengthen the link between graduate education and the thriving innovation culture on campus.

Dr. Jasbir Dhaliwal, who serves both as the Dean of the Graduate School and the University's Chief Innovation Officer noted that, "Our environment has changed dramatically over the last two decades – today one out of every five students on campus is a graduate student enrolled in a masters or doctoral program. This move celebrates this transformation by ensuring that our 118 graduate programs have a distinctive modern building as their home. It also signals that graduate students and graduate education are a central pillar in our on-going development as a major metropolitan research university."

As a major urban research university, the U of M enrolls roughly 4,000 (1000 PhD and 3000 masters-level) graduate students in more than 118 degree programs, many of which are ranked among the best in the nation. Master's degree programs are offered in 54 areas through six colleges and three schools. A Doctor of Philosophy degree is offered in 19 areas through five colleges and three schools. Also awarded are a Doctor of Audiology, Doctor of Education, and Doctor of Musical Arts degrees through two colleges and one school. An Education Specialist degree is also offered.

The FedEx Institute of Technology is a high-tech research organization that serves as the front door to the research infrastructure and innovation capabilities of the University of Memphis. It serves as a catalyst for interdisciplinary research innovation in emerging technology by supporting cross-campus research innovation clusters in areas such as Intelligent Systems, Drones, Cybersecurity Testing, Biologistics, Autonomous Vehicles, Smart Biomaterials and Precision Medicine. The Institute is also home to the University's intellectual property and patent repository, which is the focal point of technology transfer and licensing operations. It also strives to serve as a focal point for community efforts to grow the technical sophistication of the regional technology workforce and innovation environment.

The University of Memphis is the flagship institution of the Tennessee Board of Regents System. Founded in 1912, it is recognized nationally for its academic, research and athletic programs. Today the U of M educates more than 21,000 students, and it awards more than 4,000 degrees annually. Home to the largest honors program in the state, it also is ranked in the Top Ten for Student Internships by U.S. News & World Report. For more information, visit [www.memphis.edu](http://www.memphis.edu).