**Partner 7:** Dean of Graduate Students

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**Brief summary of role (1-3 sentences):** Advocate for graduate-student welfare. Office of policy for graduate education. Manager for theses and dissertations.

**Frustrations**

Frustration 1 - Theses and dissertation rules and processes

Frustration 2 - Tough job market, harder to place students, changing market for skills

Frustration 3 - Herding the cats: different departmental processes and goals

**Goals**

Goal 1 - Promote and support student welfare and prospects. Get them jobs!

Goal 2 - Coordinate departmental activities with respect to graduate students. Ensure uniformity and compliance across departments; keep graduate education a positive experience.

Goal 3 - Handle theses and dissertations, and other research-related responsibilities of graduate educations. Make the process as smooth, uniform, and straightforward as possible.

**Elevator Pitch** (Test it out to make sure it’s 30 seconds or less!)

Educating graduate students on good data-management practices will prepare them better for today’s competitive post-graduation job and grant market. Having the library provide this education will ensure that it is uniform in quality across all departments, and the library’s subject-specific expertise ensures that discipline-specific questions will also find answers. We would like you to sponsor the initiative to improve its cross-campus reach through your office’s influence and marketing muscle.