

**A STATEMENT RECOMMENDING THE SPECIAL CATEGORIZATION
OF GRADUATE STUDENTS WITH SUBSTANTIAL
TEACHING RESPONSIBILITY**

(Under the terms of the Selective Service Act, 1967)

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The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology wishes to emphasize the immediate need for a decision for deferment of graduate students in fields of national concern under the Selective Service Act, 1967 as essential for the present efficiency and future survival of the universities as well as medical and dental schools. Graduate students, being carefully selected, are the top level students who will be tomorrow's teachers and investigators. Further, graduate students presently serve as teachers and laboratory instructors in universities as well as in medical, dental and health related sciences, many while not holding or working toward degrees in health related fields. The failure to defer graduate students would therefore dry up the supply of the teachers for tomorrow but as an immediate and drastic effect would interfere seriously with the current teaching efforts in the medical, dental and health related fields, as well as in the universities. The contribution of graduate students as a group to the collegiate and professional school instruction must be realized fully so that action to defer them can be taken in time to prevent a catastrophic injury to American education and the supply and quality of scientists.

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