**Guiding Questions for Peer Reviewers**

*Graduate Programs*

In reviewing the program’s self-study and participating in the campus site visit, consider the guiding questions that follow. Provide a summary of your observations and recommendations in a brief report. Please be sure to include supporting rationale or information for conclusions drawn and suggestions made.

*Program Effectiveness:*

* Are the **program learning outcomes/objectives** well developed and appropriate to the discipline and the field?
* Does the program’s **curriculum** enable students to achieve the program learning outcomes/objectives at a degree of mastery commensurate with a graduate-level program?
* Is the program adequately **assessing** student attainment of program learning outcomes/objectives?
* Does the **culminating event** provide a thorough demonstration of the student’s mastery of the course and/or program learning outcomes/objectives?
* Does the program provide satisfactory **time to** **graduation**? Are there any barriers preventing students from graduating in a timely matter?
* Does the program enable students to become engaged in their **professional field**?

*Program Elements and Resources:*

* Are students provided adequate academic and career **advising**?
* Are there sufficient **faculty** supporting the program (teaching & research)?
* Other than faculty, are there sufficient **resources** supporting the program?
* Does the academic unit supporting the graduate program have a **defined governance structure**? Does it have a clear **strategic planning process**?

*Trends, Capacity & Distinctiveness:*

* To what extent are the programs attracting and **enrolling** a desirable number, quality, and diversity of students?
* Is the program on a **sustainable** trajectory? Does it have the **capacity** for growth?
* What are the **distinguishing characteristics** of this program? How does this program **compare** with other similar programs in CA and the nation?
* How is the program meeting the current and potential future **needs and trends** in the labor market, industry, and society?

*Conclusion & Recommendations:*

* To what extent does the program achieve its stated **educational mission and/or goals**?
* Discuss your **observations and commendations** based on feedback from students, faculty, staff, and administrators.
* What are your **specific recommendations** for improvements and/or corrective actions for the program?