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Dear Senators,

Attached is a summary for the proposal "Tracks for the Graduate Signature Experience" that we submit for your consideration for the Mines Signature Experience. Thank you for handling this statement of intent.

Best wishes, Roel Snieder

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## **Tracks for the Graduate Signature Experience**

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As a step towards the Mines Graduate Signature Experience we propose to (1) develop an onboarding course CSM501, similar in concept to CSM101 but for graduate students, and (2) offer flexible tracks consisting of professional development courses and workshops that complement students' disciplinary course work and/or research. This initiative is aimed at all graduate students, both thesis-based students and the growing population of non-thesis students.

The onboarding course (a) helps students adapt to graduate education, (b) fosters community across programs, and (c) equips students with habits and skills for diverse contemporary professional careers. We will develop materials particular to the needs of international students and minoritized students. The tracks we envision include (1) the academic career, (2) the industrial career, (3) business/finance/entrepreneurship, (4) communication, and (5) the sustainable researcher. This initiative will complement and expand existing courses and campus expertise.