



**EQUITY IN
GRADUATE EDUCATION
RESOURCE CENTER**

Letter on Supreme Court Decision:

EGE's continued commitment to equity

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Dear Equity in Graduate Education Community,

We are writing to you today in response to the Supreme Court's decision on race-conscious admissions. Their ruling that Harvard's and UNC's uses of race as a criterion in admissions were unconstitutional is a significant setback for equity in higher education and beyond. We are disappointed but not surprised, as you may be. As a community of change leaders dedicated to advancing equity, we remain committed to working with you to mitigate the impacts of these decisions to ensure that historically marginalized communities have the opportunity to participate and thrive in graduate programs.

We are partnering with members of the broader higher education, policy, and legal communities to develop events, tools, and resources that will assist you in understanding the implications of the decision and adapting to the changing legal landscape. We will soon be announcing a community discussion in July with legal and higher ed experts, for example, and this Fall, we will offer an updated admissions workshop that takes into account the implications of the decision on admissions practices and policies.

We started C-CIDE and developed our model of equity-minded holistic review in California specifically because public universities there were already subject to a ban on race-conscious admissions. From our early read of this complex, 237-page decision, the vast majority of the practices that we have advocated for, and that you and your colleagues have developed and adopted, are still allowable. We firmly believe that there is still hope for a more equitable future. Over the years, you all have demonstrated what is possible when we collectively mobilize, and when we refine evidence-based practices. *Please remember there remains much more we can do to advance racial equity than what we are constrained from doing.*

In the coming weeks, we encourage you to invite discussion with your colleagues about the decision and its implications. As you do, you are welcome to bring us your questions and concerns, as well as those of your colleagues. We can and must continue to prioritize diversity in our graduate programs and research environments, as it is more important than ever to address the structural biases of our existing systems.

Thank you for your continued dedication.

Standing with you in solidarity,

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