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William B. Russel has been the Dean of Princeton University’s Graduate School since 2002. Princeton’s graduate school is the administrative home to more than 2,500 master’s and doctoral students. It supports approximately 40 departments and programs ranging from recruitment to graduate alumni relations, including academic and student life responsibilities. Russel holds the A.W. Marks ’19 Professorship in Chemical Engineering. He joined the Princeton faculty in 1974 and continues to conduct research on the crystallization of colloidal dispersions. He also has served as the Chairman of the department of Chemical Engineering and the Director of the Princeton Materials Institute.

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