### Graduate School

#### 1885
**School is Established**
In 1885, the Michigan Mining School was established and began educating engineers to serve Michigan’s copper and iron industries. The first location for the school was a rented space at the Houghton Fire Hall. As the school broadened its mission, it relocated to its first official building, Hubbell Hall, and was renamed Michigan College of Mines (MCM).

#### 1889
**First Graduate Students**
Edmund J. Longyear and William E. Parnell were our first two graduate students. Both started their education at MCM in the first undergraduate class and graduated in 1888. Longyear went on to use diamond drill technology for prospecting on the Mesabi Range, and Parnell served as the superintendent of several area mines and as a consulting engineer for the city of New York.

#### 1900
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In 1900, the Michigan Mining School and the Michigan College of Mines merged to form the Michigan College of Mining and Technology (MCM&T).

#### 1927
**First Master’s Degrees**
Jack L. Byers and Corbin T. Eddy received the first two master’s degrees awarded by the College. Both degrees were in the area of metallurgy and both degree recipients went on to be faculty members at the College.

#### 1930
**College Name Change**
The Michigan College of Mines changed its name to the Michigan College of Mining and Technology (MCM&T) to reflect its expanding curriculum.

#### 1934
**First Earned PhDs**
The first two earned PhDs were granted to Roy W. Drier and Corbin T. Eddy by the metallurgy department. Drier pioneered early X-ray research and later received the first Faculty Research Citation. He also helped to establish the MCM&T foundation, which is the predecessor to the Michigan Tech Fund.

#### 1960
**Formalization of the Graduate School**
Dr. Donald G. Yerg was the first Graduate School dean and appointed the first Graduate Faculty Council. He was also instrumental in producing the graduate catalog.

#### 1970s
**First Graduate Donation**
The first recorded donation to the Graduate School was $7 on January 15, 1970.

**First Female PhD**
Nancy Scofield was the first female to be granted a PhD in Michigan Tech’s history. Her degree was in geology, with research in the area of mineral chemistry.

#### 1990s
**Graduate School Growth**
In 1981-82, Michigan Tech received 661 graduate applications and had a graduate enrollment of 310 students. Currently, the Graduate School processes over 2,800 applications per year and has an enrollment exceeding 1,200 students.

**60th Anniversary**
The sixtieth anniversary of the Graduate School brings 27 PhDs, 34 master’s, and 5 graduate certificate programs to Michigan Tech’s campus. These programs have an enrollment of over 1,200 students. We are proud to say that, as of 2010, there are 6,911 graduate alumni living and working across the globe. To date, our alumni and friends have donated $5.2 million in fellowship gifts to support our graduate students.