After reflecting on over 50 years of service, the Office of Graduate Student Equity & Excellence (GSEE) — formerly known as GO-MAP — continues our vision of providing leadership and advocacy to achieve equitable representation, access, and success for graduate students of color at the UW. While GSEE is based on the Seattle campus, Bothell and Tacoma students are welcome to participate in GSEE programming. As part of the UW Graduate School, GSEE’s mission is to foster, expand, and strengthen equitable and sustainable environments and practices that promote success in educating an ethnically diverse graduate student body.

The GSEE Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program provides approximately $2.2 million in annual fellowships and awards to support the recruitment and success of graduate students of color.

GSEE hosts Prospective Student Days (March 30 & 31, 2023), which features events that encourage admitted graduate applicants who identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Color (BIPOC) to select the UW for their graduate studies. This event combines GSEE-sponsored activities with opportunities to participate in events offered by individual departments. Through in-person and virtual orientation sessions, prospective students can network with current graduate students of color and staff. Prospective students from our three UW campuses are invited to learn about funding, housing, resources, life in the Pacific Northwest and much more.

GSEE supports departmental efforts to identify and encourage outstanding candidates to consider the UW for graduate study. Our outreach includes:

- **Connecting** graduate students of color with potential underrepresented graduate students through our Outreaching Grads (OGs) Program.
- **Bringing** together prospective and current UW graduate students of color to increase diversity and graduate student success.
- **Utilizing** the National Name Exchange (NNE), a consortium of more than 55 major U.S. universities that inform underrepresented undergraduates about graduate opportunities in their areas of interest.
- **Highlighting** and coordinating attendance for virtual and in-person forums, conferences and seminars across the nation to identify promising graduate students of color.

For details on GSEE services and programming, visit [grad.uw.edu/gsee](http://grad.uw.edu/gsee)
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> **GSEE’s New Student Welcome** (Aug. 3, 2022) is our annual virtual meet-and-greet for incoming UW graduate students of color and features a student panel and breakout rooms for new students to begin building community prior to the academic year.

> **Getting Connected** (Oct. 19 & 20, 2022) is our annual orientation and welcome event, providing opportunities for incoming graduate students of color to engage with new and returning graduate students from across campus. This hybrid event will start with a virtual panel on Oct. 19 and close with an in-person reception on Oct. 20.

> **The Spring Soiree** (May 24, 2023) is our end-of-year celebration which recognizes graduating and current graduate students and highlights their accomplishments.

> **GSEE Power Hours** feature ways for graduate students of color to thrive and address professional development issues such as navigating academia and overcoming impostor syndrome.

> **Real Talk Tuesdays** are opportunities for students to gather in safe virtual and in-person spaces and share experiences featuring current social issues, pop culture, affinity groups or themed topics and more. Please read our weekly GSEE newsletter for dates and times.

> **Dissertation Writing Groups** are offered, when possible, to support GSEE Fellows and students through the final stages of their doctoral programs.

> **The Mary Ann and John Mangels Endowed Lecture Series**, which is part of the Graduate School’s Public Lectures, features minoritized scholars and public figures whose careers impact diversity.

> **Staying Connected socials** are virtual and in-person happy hour spaces hosted, when possible, by our GSEE Graduate Student Advisory Board.

> **Drop-in Decompression Spaces** are offered by GSEE staff to provide support and community for our grad students throughout the academic year.

GSEE works with departmental graduate program advisors and coordinators to ensure graduate students are aware of the opportunities available across our UW campuses. GSEE collaborates with UW organizations and units to bring quality programming and support to graduate students of color in all aspects of study and life. Some of our collaborators include:

- **Office of Equity and Justice in Graduate Programs (Equity Focused Office Hours)**
- **Center for Communication, Difference and Equity (Real Talk Tuesdays)**
- **Graduate Student Affairs — Core Programs (Thriving in Graduate School (TIGS) Series)**
- **Counseling Center**
- **Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center**
- **GSEE Faculty and Staff Advisory Board**
- **GSEE Graduate Student Advisory Board**

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