

## Office of Graduate Student Equity & Excellence (GSEE) Outreaching Grads (OGs)

*Graduating master's student guest speaking at GSEE's Spring Soirée.*

As a unit of the UW Graduate School, the Office of Graduate Student Equity & Excellence (GSEE) — formerly known as GO-MAP — is committed to enhancing the promotion and success of graduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds\* at the UW. While GSEE is based on the Seattle campus, Bothell and Tacoma graduate students are welcome to participate in GSEE programming.

\*Federally recognized underrepresented minority populations (Black/African American, American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander and Latino/Hispanic). GSEE also serves Filipino and Southeast Asian student populations.

### The OGs Program

The Outreaching Grads (OGs) Program is a group of graduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds. OGs help to support GSEE, academic departments, and student organizations as they enhance outreach and recruitment efforts for prospective and incoming, traditionally underserved graduate students. The OG Program introduces graduate students to opportunities and resources that help build community and increase racial and ethnic diversity within the framework of the graduate student cycle.

### Who We Are

OGs come from an array of diverse backgrounds and assist academic departments in their diversity and inclusion recruitment efforts. Graduate students who are committed to increasing representation in graduate education can become OGs. Students who take initiative, have a passion for building community, and come from a variety of disciplines are encouraged to be part of the OG Program.



*GSEE graduate students enjoying the 2023 Spring Soirée.*





## GET INVOLVED

Interested in making a commitment to increasing diversity within graduate education? You can learn more about becoming an OG or requesting an OG for your department by contacting GSEE at [uwgsee@uw.edu](mailto:uwgsee@uw.edu).

*OGs connecting with students at GSEE's 2023 Prospective Student Days.*



## What We Do

OGs are trained to lead and support prospective, incoming, and current historically underrepresented graduate students in navigating the numerous aspects and phases of graduate school. They provide a personal lens, as well as meaningful guidance on living in the Pacific Northwest. To aid in assessing graduate student needs and to cultivate an inclusive campus community, OGs can:

- **Connect and share** opportunities and resources with prospective historically underrepresented graduate students (virtually and in person).
- **Participate** in professional development opportunities.
- **Share** graduate opportunities with UW registered student organizations to promote graduate education.
- **Engage** in graduate student panels, public speaking, recruitment events, and networking engagements.

## Becoming an OG

Becoming an OG is a way to give back to our communities, create meaningful friendships across campus, and ensure graduate opportunities remain open to all. OGs will also benefit from:

- **Creating** new friendships with prospective and current graduate students.
- **Gaining** leadership strengths, public speaking expertise, and other professional skill sets.
- **Expanding** social and professional networks.
- **Building** professional and community involvement skills that will enhance career goals.



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