

Office of Graduate Student Equity & Excellence (GSEE)

Empowering Our Students, Affirming Our Community

Graduating doctoral student guest speaking at GSEE's Spring Soirée.

After more than 50 years of service, GSEE — formerly known as the Graduate Opportunities and Minority Achievement Program (GO-MAP) — continues to provide leadership and advocacy to achieve equitable representation, access, and success for graduate students impacted by racism and its intersections* at the University of Washington. GSEE is based on the Seattle campus, and 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 a diverse graduate student body.

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Recruitment & Outreach

The GSEE Graduate Diversity Fellowship Program provides approximately **\$2 million** in annual fellowships and awards to support the recruitment and success of historically underrepresented graduate students.

GSEE hosts Prospective Student Days (March 28 & 29, 2024), which features events that encourage admitted graduate applicants who identify as being from a racial or ethnic marginalized group 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 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** prospective students from historically underrepresented backgrounds with current graduate students through our Outreaching Grads (OGs) Program.
- **Bringing** together prospective and current UW graduate students to increase diversity and graduate student success.
- **Utilizing** the National Name Exchange (NNE), a consortium of over 80 major U.S. universities that inform underrepresented undergraduates about graduate opportunities in their areas of interest.
- **Highlighting** virtual and in-person forums, conferences, and seminars to identify and recruit outstanding prospective graduate students.



The GSEE Professional Staff team welcomes you!



Graduate Student Success

GSEE offers year-round virtual and in-person programming as part of its commitment to enhancing scholarship, professional development and community building. A few highlights:

- > **GSEE's New Student Welcome (Aug. 2, 2023)** is our annual virtual meet-and-greet for incoming GSEE graduate students and features a student panel and breakout rooms for new students to begin building community prior to the academic year.
- > **Getting Connected (Oct. 17 & 18, 2023)** is our annual orientation and welcome event, providing opportunities for incoming historically underrepresented graduate students to engage with new and returning graduate students from across campus. This hybrid event will start with a virtual panel on Oct. 17 and close with an in-person reception on Oct. 18.
- > **GSEE Power Hours** feature ways for graduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to thrive and address professional development issues such as graduate funding and finding work-life balance while navigating academia.
- > **Real Talk Tuesdays** are opportunities for students to gather in virtual and in-person spaces to share experiences about graduate education, current social issues, and other themed topics. 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 Office of Public Lectures, features scholars from historically underrepresented backgrounds and public figures whose careers impact diversity.
- > **Staying Connected** are virtual and in-person social spaces that are organized, 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 graduate students throughout the academic year.
- > **The Spring Soirée (May 22, 2024)** is our signature, end-of-year event which celebrates our current and graduating students with music, food, and fun.

The Office of Graduate Student Equity & Excellence (GSEE) hosts events and programming geared towards graduate students impacted by racism and its intersections* and are open to all UW graduate students, faculty and staff, and those interested in and committed to supporting and increasing a diverse graduate student population.



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Partnerships & Advocacy

GSEE works with departmental graduate program advisors and coordinators to ensure that 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 historically underrepresented graduate students 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** (formerly Core Programs)
- **Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center**
- **UW Alumni Association**
- **Counseling Center**
- **GSEE Faculty and Staff Advisory Board**
- **GSEE Graduate Student Advisory Board**

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