

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON



Office of Graduate Student Equity & Excellence (GSEE) **OUTREACHING GRADS (OGS)**

Current and graduating OGs, student staff, and advisory board members at GSEE's Spring Soirée.

As a unit of the UW Graduate School, the Office of Graduate Student Equity & Excellence, also known as GSEE (pronounced "gee-see") is committed to enhancing the promotion and success of graduate students from diverse perspectives and experiences at the UW. GSEE is based on the Seattle campus, and Bothell and Tacoma graduate students are welcome to participate in GSEE programming.

The OG Program

The Outreaching Grads (OG) 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 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 to assist academic departments and campus partners in their diversity and inclusion recruitment efforts. Graduate students who are committed to increasing representation in graduate education can become OGs. GSEE encourages students who take initiative, have a passion for building community, and come from a variety of academic disciplines to be part of the OG Program.



GSEE staff chat with graduate students at annual Getting Connected event.

For details on services & programming, visit:
[GRAD.UW.EDU/GSEE](https://grad.uw.edu/gsee)

What We Do

GSEE Outreaching Grads (OGs) 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, as well as networking and donor engagements

Graduating master's and doctoral GSEE students.



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.



OG Benefits

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

- **Creating** new connections with prospective and current graduate students during OG orientation and beyond
- **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



Students celebrating at GSEE's Spring Soirée.

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