

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
UNIVERSITY of WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF GRADUATE STUDENT EQUITY & EXCELLENCE

*Empowering Our Students,
Affirming Our Community*



Current and graduating students celebrating at GSEE's 2024 Spring Soirée.

For more than five decades, the Office of Graduate Student Equity & Excellence (GSEE, pronounced “gee-see”) has provided 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 Prospective Student Days (PSDs) (April 3 & 4, 2025), 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. Through in-person and virtual orientation sessions, prospective students can network with current graduate students, staff, and campus partners to learn about funding, housing, resources, life in the Pacific Northwest, and more.

GSEE supports departmental efforts to identify and encourage prospective students 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.
- **Building community** with prospective and current UW graduate students to increase diversity and graduate student success through GSEE events and programming.
- **Utilizing** the National Name Exchange (NNE), a consortium of more than 100 major U.S. institutions 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.



For details on services & programming, visit:
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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 the University of Washington. GSEE collaborates with UW organizations and units to bring quality programming and support to historically underrepresented graduate students in various aspects of study and life. Some of our collaborators include:

- **Office of Equity and Justice in Graduate Programs (OEJ)** (*Excellence in Graduate Education Series*)
- **Center for Communication, Difference and Equity (CCDE)** (*Real Talk Tuesdays*)
- **Graduate Student Affairs (GSA)**
- **Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center (ECC)**
- **UW Alumni Association (UWAA)**
- **UW Counseling Center**
- **GSEE & OEJ Faculty and Staff Advisory Board (FSAB)**
- **GSEE Graduate Student Advisory Board (GSAB)**

SAVE THE DATE!

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. Please read our weekly GSEE newsletter, follow GSEE's social media, and view our calendar for more details. A few highlights:

- > **GSEE's New Student Welcome (Jul. 31, 2024)** 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. 16 & 17, 2024)** is our annual orientation and welcome event, providing opportunities for incoming historically underrepresented graduate students to engage with new and returning graduate students. This hybrid event will start with a virtual panel on Oct. 16 and close with an in-person reception on Oct. 17.
- > **GSEE Power Hours** feature ways for graduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds to thrive and address professional development issues and topics such as finding balance through wellness and self-care.
- > **Real Talk Tuesdays** (cohosted by GSEE and CCDE) are opportunities for students to gather to share experiences about graduate education, current social issues, and other themed topics.
- > **Capstone & Dissertation Writing Groups** are offered, when possible, to encourage GSEE master's and doctoral students to connect, learn, and gain motivation as they work towards degree completion.
- > **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 a multitude of communities.
- > **Staying Connected** are virtual and in-person social spaces that are organized, when possible, by our GSEE Graduate Student Advisory Board (GSAB).
- > **Drop-in Hours** are offered by GSEE staff to provide support for our graduate students throughout the academic year.
- > **The Spring Soirée (May 15, 2025)** is our signature, end-of-year event which celebrates our current and graduating students with music, food, and fun.

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