



About GO-MAP

Graduate Opportunities & Minority Achievement Program

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WHAT IS GO-MAP?

Founded in 1861, UW is among the country's largest multi-campus institutions of higher education, and is recognized for the excellence of its academic programs, faculty, research contributions, and public service. Students from many ethnic backgrounds and nations are represented in both the student population and among faculty.

As a unit of the UW Graduate School, the Graduate Opportunities and Minority Achievement Program (GO-MAP), is committed to serving the needs of students of color and students from other underrepresented groups, while simultaneously fostering an educational and social environment in which all students can learn and develop through experiences rich in cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity. GO-MAP's three main areas of focus are:

- Outreach, recruitment, and retention
- Enhancing scholarship and research
- Building community, on and off campus

SIGNATURE EVENTS

The Graduate Students of Color "**Getting Connected**" **Orientation & Fall Reception** provides an opportunity for incoming minority graduate students to meet current minority graduate students and faculty and to get information on resources about how to survive and thrive in graduate school.

Prospective Student Days consist of supplemental events and activities for admitted students who are also participating in departmental events. This gives students opportunities to network with students and faculty from various departments and to learn about funding, housing, campus climate, and living in Seattle.

Graduate Diversity Scholars Research Seminars are an interdisciplinary forum in which graduate students present their research in a safe and supportive environment with a small audience of fellow students and faculty. The seminars promote professional development and socialization and offer students assistance with content and presentation skills.

The Diversity Book Talk Series brings authors, who write on race, diversity, and multicultural issues, to the University of Washington campus to read and discuss their work. FREE and open to the public.

Voices in Academia (ViA) Lunches provide opportunities for a featured faculty member and 15-25 students to discuss topics relevant to future faculty members and higher education. The lunches are informative, yet informal conversations between faculty and students, fostering community and a nurturing learning environment, while promoting professional development.

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My Graduate Opportunity Program RA appointment has allowed me the opportunity to work on a substantial research project with my advisor in my first year. So far, my work has been accepted at a top international conference in my field, giving me a head start in developing my long term research goals.

—Amelia Abreu, Information School
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