

GO-MAP

Graduate Opportunities & Minority Achievement Program



More than 40 years after its inception, GO-MAP continues to lead the University of Washington's recruitment and retention of graduate students of color and those from other underrepresented groups. As part of the UW Graduate School, GO-MAP is nationally recognized for its unique and innovative efforts in mentoring, networking and professional development. Through experiences rich in cultural diversity, GO-MAP fosters an inclusive graduate community in which all students can learn and develop the skills to participate in academic, civic and professional endeavors.

Recruitment

Fellowships

Through our **Diversity Fellows Program** GO-MAP provided recruitment funding totaling approximately \$603,000 to about 25 departments in 2009-10. Fellowships include the Bank of America Endowed Fellowships, the Presidential Graduate Fellowship, the Stroum Endowed Minority Fellowship, research assistantships and the President's Graduate Scholar Award.

The **McNair Graduate Fellowship** is designed to support students in UW doctoral programs who have successfully completed a nationally recognized Ronald E. McNair undergraduate program.

The **Posse Foundation** is a network of institutions nationwide, committed to college access and leadership development among students who may be overlooked by traditional college selection processes. To support these efforts, GO-MAP established the UW Graduate Posse Fellowship, the first of its kind in the country.

Campus and Community Outreach

With a \$100,000 grant from the Intel Corporation, the UW Graduate School continues to develop and maintain the **National Name Exchange Academic Portal**, a web-based tool that helps identify qualified underrepresented undergraduates from more than 50 major U.S. universities for graduate recruitment.

Prospective Student Days is a series of activities for admitted students who are also participating in their department events.

Orientation sessions and a reception give students the opportunity to network with current students and faculty from across campus. Over the course of two days, students learn about funding, housing and resources on and off campus.

Graduate **Diversity Recruiters** are a corps of current graduate students who help academic departments in their diversity recruitment efforts by meeting with prospective students and serving as an additional resource to departments.

Retention

Enhancing scholarship and research

The **Graduate Diversity Fellows Dinner** brings together campus and community to honor and showcase the scholarship and achievements of GO-MAP fellows. Keynote speakers have included Anna Deveare Smith, bell hooks and Gloria Steinem.

Voices in Academia lunches take place once a quarter and provide opportunities for featured faculty members and small groups of students to discuss topics such as professional conferences, career opportunities in non-academic settings and how to describe research to a variety of lay audiences.

Graduate Diversity Scholars Research Seminars are an interdisciplinary forum in which graduate students present their research in a 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.

Building community

Getting Connected: New Student Orientation and Reception is an opportunity for graduate students to meet and interact with faculty and graduate students from other disciplines, with the focus of aiding graduate students' transitions to the UW community.

To provide networking opportunities, GO-MAP hosts popular **quarterly interdisciplinary receptions** so graduate students, faculty and staff can build academic and support networks across campus. We also partner with the UW Career Center on an all-student and postdoc networking event each year.

Voices in Community. Modeled after the Voices in Academia (ViA) Lunches, ViC provide opportunities for featured community and business leaders to have lunch with graduate students and provide an important informal opportunity for professional socialization and development, while addressing topics significant to community and business. The ViC Lunches are also opportunities to build new relationships, opening mentoring and internship possibilities throughout these sectors.

The **Mary Ann and John Mangels Endowed Lecture Series** was established in 1990, for the purpose of bringing minority scholars and individuals whose careers impact diversity, to the UW, from a variety of fields for the benefit of minority students, the campus community and the general public.

Diversity Book Talk Series brings innovative authors who write on race, diversity and multicultural issues to the UW campus to read and discuss their work.



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