Welcome to the University of Washington!

About GO-MAP: Graduate Excellence Through Diversity

As a unit of the Dean’s Office within the University of Washington Graduate School, the Graduate Opportunities and Minority Achievement Program (GO-MAP) has been committed to serving the needs of graduate students of color for 50 years. Working closely with graduate students, faculty and staff across more than 130 graduate programs on all three campuses, GO-MAP strives to strengthen and maintain campus diversity, enhance academic opportunities for graduate students of color, and encourage scholarship and research that explore cultural diversity.

What We Do

**GO-MAP promotes and supports:**

- Outreach, recruitment and graduate student success
- Graduate funding opportunities
- Professional development and community building
- Scholarship and research
- Departmental advocacy, consulting and advising

How to Get Involved

*Faculty and staff at the University of Washington are critical partners to GO-MAP in recruiting graduate students of color to help them thrive in their endeavors. Here are ways you can help:*

- Join us for our **2019 Autumn Quarter Getting Connected Orientation & Reception**, Thursday, October 10, to help welcome new and returning graduate students of color
- Attend **Prospective Student Days** Thursday, April 2 and Friday, April 3, 2020, as we host newly admitted graduate students who will hopefully choose the UW
- Learn about the **GO-MAP Faculty and Staff Advisory Board**
- Lead a **GO-MAP Power Hour** (professional development series) and share your expertise
- Join or inquire about your **department’s Diversity Committee**. (GO-MAP convenes quarterly to share best practices for departmental Diversity Committees)
- Learn how to **nominate a student for GO-MAP Funding**. GO-MAP provides over $1 million in funding opportunities each year. Departmental nominations are required
- Stay Connected! **Join the GO-MAP faculty listserv**
Resources and Programs

By attracting graduate students of color through outreach, admissions, recruitment and retention, we improve and enrich the experience at the University of Washington for all students and prepare them for the richness of a diverse society. If we provide supportive environments and ways for under-represented minority students (URMs) to connect with faculty and other students across campus, they are more likely to complete their degrees at the UW and become the next generation of innovative leaders and mentors.

Here are a few of our programs and resources – which were created based on an array of experiences and more than 40 graduate departmental diversity plans campus-wide:

- **Recruitment Toolkit** – PDFs with information on GO-MAP and materials to help enhance and guide your communications with prospective students of color
- **National Name Exchange** – An online database, developed and maintained by the UW Graduate School, with names of promising minority undergraduates from nearly 60 nationally-known universities
- **Prospective Student Days (PSDs)** – Opportunities for admitted under-represented minority prospective students to learn more about the network of support for diverse graduate students on the UW campus
- **Outreaching Grads (OGs) Program** – A corps of graduate students of color from across the UW who can connect with your prospective students and support your department’s recruitment efforts

An important best practice for departments is to establish a diversity committee of faculty, staff and graduate students committed to recruiting and retaining a diverse student population. The committee can set specific goals and deadlines and develop an action plan for diversifying your graduate student population. In addition, you may consult with GO-MAP to identify and improve your diversity practices. Please contact Vanessa Alvarez, interim director, or Carolyn Jackson, outreach and recruitment officer. We look forward to collaborating with you on this important work.