

Graduate Student Resource Guide

Have a question about a Graduate School policy or requirement? The **Graduate School** has a [resource list](#) that covers those topics and *many* more.

Campus Resources

Childcare Assistance: The [Student Parent Resource Center](#) provides resources and financial support to students with children, including the Childcare Assistance Program and resources to help you find a childcare provider.

Disability Resources for Students (DRS): DRS is dedicated to ensuring the access and inclusion of students with disabilities on the Seattle campus enrolled in our undergraduate, graduate, professional, Evening Degree and Access programs. Students with disabilities who anticipate barriers to full participation in courses are encouraged to meet with a DRS counselor to explore the possible accommodations and services that might be available.

Health and safety:

The [Counseling Center](#) is staffed by psychologists and mental health counselors who provide brief counseling, assessment, referral, and crisis intervention services to currently-enrolled UW students.

The [Hall Health Center](#) is on-campus outpatient clinic offering care to University of Washington students, UW employees, and the general public.

[Safe Campus](#) provides information on counseling and safety resources, University policies, and violence reporting requirements for students, TAs, and faculty.

[Sexual Assault & Relationship Violence \(SARIS\)](#) is a starting point for students affected by sexual assault, relationship violence, domestic violence, stalking, sexual harassment and other related experiences. The SARIS Specialist is an advocate for students and guides them through their rights, options, resources, and offers support.

The [Green Dot Program](#) aims to prevent and reduce power-based violence at UW by engaging students as active bystanders who step in, speak up, and interrupt potential acts of violence.

Graduate Housing: There are a variety of housing options, on- and off-campus, for graduate students. Students with families are no exception – several of the graduate buildings offer family housing.

Recreational Sports & Fitness: For the UW Student, Faculty/Staff, Spouse looking to stay fit, participate in sports, and more, [the IMA](#) offers programs, facilities, and services, such as a fitness center, climbing wall, and personal training. The [Waterfront Activities Center](#) (WAC) offers canoe and rowboat rentals.

Transportation & Parking Information: Commuting to campus? Visit [Commuter Services](#) to learn about your options, including how to use your U-PASS and your parking permit options.

The [UW Veterans Center](#) is a place for veterans to connect with other veterans. In addition the center provides access to university resources specifically designed for veterans. Veterans Center staff are able

to provide both direct service and referrals to a number of campus and community resources with the goal of helping veterans balance their academic and personal demands.

CoEnv Events

The College hosts several discussion series, including:

[*Amplify: Conversations about Science Communication*](#), a series of discussions among faculty, staff, postdocs, and graduate students who want to explore and engage in science communication and outreach.

[*Conversations on Defining Diversity*](#), a public forum within the College where we – all of us – can explore the issues, roadblocks, challenges and opportunities our College faces, as the first step towards brainstorming solutions. Each conversation focuses on a particular aspect of diversity, and features our own faculty, staff, and students speaking about their experiences, often from very different points of view.

[*Meet, Greet, Teach*](#), an evening series offering graduate students, postdocs, staff and faculty with an interest in engaging in artful, interactive, innovative teaching a chance to interact with colleagues from across campus. Over a glass of wine and light appetizers, attendees have a chance to mix and mingle before settling down to a 30-minute "fast panel" of 3-5 faculty, each delivering thought - and conversation - provoking answers.

CoEnv Policies

Have a question about the College's academic policies? Visit the [College of the Environment Policies](#) page.

Funding & Costs

Tuition & fees vary by enrollment, campus, and residency. Visit the [Office of Planning & Budgeting](#) to search for College of the Environment Graduate Program tuition rate.

Looking for funding to help offset your tuition & fees?

Visit the [CoEnv Careers & Funding Blog](#). It's updated daily and has opportunities for every step in your career, from scholarships and part-time positions to postdoc fellowships and professional opportunities.

CoEnv also offers scholarship and fellowship opportunities, in addition to our Student Meeting Fund. Visit the [CoEnv Costs & Funding page](#) for more information.

Many grad students work as teaching, research, or staff assistants (TA/RA/SA). You can find assistantship opportunities at the [CoEnv Careers & Funding Blog](#), on the [UW Employment](#) site, and on [HuskyJobs](#), the UW's online job and internship search system for students.

The Graduate School's [Office of Fellowships & Awards](#) coordinates and administers regional and federal fellowship and scholarship programs. They provide a [calendar of fellowship deadlines](#) and host info sessions throughout the year.

The [Graduate Funding Information Service \(GFIS\)](#) provides information on outside funding opportunities for grad school-related expenses, such as tuition, research, and conference and research travel. They offer funding workshops by discipline and feature a searchable database of funding opportunities

Grad Student Life & Diversity

Academic Student Employee (ASE) Union: If you're an academic student employee (ASE), you are eligible to be part of the [UAW Local 4121 Union](#). The Union bargains with UW on wages, hours, benefits, and working conditions for the approximately 4,000 ASEs across UW's 3 campuses. Learn more about the UW/UAW Contract [here](#).

Graduate & Professional Student Senate (GPSS): The [UW GPSS](#) represents the 12,000 graduate and professional students at the University of Washington's Seattle campus. Over 150 elected or appointed students represent the graduate and professional degree granting schools, departments, and programs. GPSS exists to improve all aspects of graduate and professional student life at the University of Washington.

GO-MAP: 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

Insurance Benefits: Eligible academic student employees receive excellent health coverage—medical, dental, and vision care—through the Graduate Appointee Insurance Program (GAIP). Visit the [GAIP website](#) to learn more about benefits, eligibility, and self-pay options.

Diversity: In the College of the Environment, we believe that unbounded inclusion is the foundation of effective interdisciplinarity. As we broaden our community, we strengthen our ability to identify key issues, frame questions, and bound problems that span earth science, natural resources and human dimensions. Diversity, in all its forms, is not only desirable, but also required, for advancing our understanding of the environment and arriving at solutions that allow science to more effectively serve all of humanity.

Visit the [CoEnv Diversity Resources](#) page for more information on the programs, funding, and outreach and engagement opportunities across CoEnv and UW designed to support diversity and inclusion.

Mentorship & Professional Development

The Graduate School publishes [Mentor Memos](#), written by UW faculty and staff, that tackle topics important to grad students (How do you find a mentor? Or form your dissertation committee?), but that aren't covered in the classroom.

The Grad School also offers a guide to [mentoring for graduate students](#) as well as [Guidelines for Good Practice in Graduate Education](#), which lays out student and faculty responsibilities related to professionalism and ethics, teaching, and mentoring.

The Graduate & Professional Student Senate recently launched a peer mentoring program, [Grads Guiding Grads](#) (G3), in partnership with the Graduate School and the Counseling Center. Mentoring services are available year-round and you can also apply to be a mentor.

The [Center for Teaching & Learning](#) is a fantastic resource for anyone preparing to teach or looking to hone their teaching skills. They offer resources, workshops, including a First Friday series for grad students, and many events throughout the year.

The [UW Career Center](#) features many resources for grad students, including workshops, events, and one on one sessions with a career counselor.

Ways to Get Involved:

Leadership Opportunities

There are several ways to get involved in College leadership, including:

[College Curriculum Committee](#): The College Curriculum Committee is responsible for curricular policy matters at the college level, including general oversight of courses and programs offered for the common benefit of all departments. It also helps to stimulate new educational ideas and developments in the college.

[College Diversity Committee](#): In the College of the Environment, diversity expands our collective perspective. Beyond the dimensions of race or gender, diversity must involve the active engagement of peoples and their systems of knowledge, activities, experiences and ideas. The Diversity Committee reviews diversity needs and efforts at the College and helps develop policies that increase diversity in College students, faculty, and staff.

[Student Advisory Council](#): The College of the Environment Student Advisory Council advises the Dean and Associate Deans on issues related to students. The Council brings issues from the Dean's Office to the student community and brings issues from the student community to the Dean's Office. The Council also provides input, insight, and perspective on the student experience within the college.

Outreach

Interested in expanding the STEM pipeline and working with diverse undergraduates and K-12 students? The College has many opportunities, including both College- and unit-level programs:

[Atmospheric Sciences](#): Grad students in the Department of Atmospheric Sciences have maintained a volunteer outreach program since 1989. They frequently judge science fairs, host classes on campus, and visit schools to do demonstrations.

[Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program](#) (DDCSP): The DDCSP@UW is a program that's working to diversify the conservation workforce. It brings together diverse undergraduates from across the country to UW for 3 summers, starting with an 8-week "Classroom in the Field" experience.

[Orca Bowl](#): The School of Oceanography is a sponsor of the [Washington Regional Ocean Sciences Bowl](#), hosted by Washington Sea Grant. Orca Bowl is an annual event in which teams of high school students from around the state compete in a round robin tournament that challenges and recognizes their knowledge of the world's oceans.

[Program on Climate Change](#): When the PCC began in 2001 one of its goals was to create a strong community of graduate students, staff, and faculty engaged in interdisciplinary climate education and research. They often fill requests from K-12 schools, community colleges, rotary clubs, and more; they also staff booths at fairs, and provide expertise at conferences and panel discussions.

["Rock"ing Out](#): This group of Earth & Space Sciences grad students focuses on teaching hands-on activities in the classroom and visits schools across Washington. They also host Science Night events, field trips, and tours of the Burke Museum of Natural History.

[Seattle MESA](#): Seattle MESA focuses on at-risk and economically disadvantaged youth, including under-represented minority and women. Their programs provide middle and high school students, and their teachers and parents, with innovative, hands-on opportunities in mathematics, basic and applied science, and engineering in both formal and informal settings. There are many opportunities to get involved with Seattle MESA, including becoming a trained and certified Seattle MESA tutor.

Outside the College, there are several programs that offer outreach opportunities:

[College Assistance Migrant Program \(CAMP\)](#)

[Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology \(DOIT\)](#)

[UW Dream Project](#)

[Pipeline Project](#)

[UW Women's Center Making Connections Mentorship Program](#)

Student Organizations

Many of our schools and departments have student organizations. You can find the full list [here](#).

For a full list of student groups on campus, visit the [Registered Student Organization Directory](#)