



GRADUATE EDUCATION IS MORE THAN A DEGREE

University of Washington graduate programs are among the best in the nation – and the world – and our graduate students are our most valuable assets. To ensure that our students earn more than a degree, the Graduate School offers a range of opportunities so they can develop the leadership, communication and personal skills needed for a rewarding life and academic, research or professional career. There’s a reason the University of Washington was ranked the 11th best global university and named the world’s most innovative public university. It has a great deal to do with our graduate students.

OUR STUDENTS

APPLICATIONS 2017-18

Total applications for master’s and doctoral programs 34,625

ACCEPTANCE RATES 2017-18

Master’s and doctoral students accepted 12,374
 Percentage of applicants accepted 36%

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT* 2017-18

Total new graduate students enrolled 5,444
 New students who are minorities** 13%
 New students who are international 20%
 New students who are state residents 47%
 New students from other U.S. states 33%

TOTAL GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT* 2017-18

UW Seattle, Bothell, Tacoma campuses 15,133
 Students who are minorities** 12%
 Students who are international 20%

DEGREES AWARDED* 2016-17

Master’s 4,454
 Doctoral 777

*The Graduate School manages graduate education from application to graduation for all programs except M.D., Pharm.D., D.D.S. and J.D.

**Minority category includes African Americans, American Indians, Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders and Hispanics/Latinos.

ADVOCATING FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION

Funding: Graduate fellowships allow us to compete for the most promising students. Each year, the Graduate School distributes \$11 million in financial awards. In addition, we offer programming to help students secure grants and funding.

Diversity: The Graduate School provides generative leadership in promoting the excellence of graduate and professional education through advancing diversity and inclusion reflective of a pluralistic society and global community. Our Graduate Opportunities & Minority Achievement Program (GO-MAP) awards approximately \$600,000 in recruitment funding each year, hosts quarterly receptions to build community, offers professional development workshops and sponsors Prospective Student Days to welcome admitted students to campus each spring, connecting them with UW resources.

Professional Development: Through Core Programs, the Graduate School helps students develop the skills and capacities to flourish throughout grad school and into their careers. Core Programs offers online resources, workshops, and events that recognize graduate students on wellness, intellectual and professional levels.

Interdisciplinary Opportunities: The Graduate School incubates innovation through 11 degree programs aimed at helping graduate students develop collaborative approaches to their research. Each Graduate School interdisciplinary program is overseen by a dedicated Interdisciplinary Faculty Group consisting of graduate

faculty whose appointments, teaching, and research span multiple schools or colleges.

Communication: The Graduate School sends a bi-weekly digest of campus resources, events and news relevant to graduate students, as well as an advice column, "Ask the Grad School Guru," several social media pages and groups to facilitate conversation among grad students.

Community Engagement: Through the Public Lecture series, the Graduate School takes big ideas and discoveries into the community, and brings the community into scholarly life. We take pride in offering safe spaces for challenging conversations. Recent speakers have included Claudia Rankine, Temple Grandin and Misty Copeland.

Quality and Assessment: Through the academic program review process, the Graduate School ensures that the UW continues to offer innovative, high quality graduate education programs. Each year, the Graduate School reviews 15 to 25 existing academic programs and proposals for about 30 new programs. Through MyGrad, faculty and staff can oversee students' educations online, from application to graduation.

Advocacy and Advancement: Graduate School leaders advocate for graduate education on campus, in the community and throughout the state and beyond by regularly visiting with leaders in the community, business and government, as well as UW supporters, donors, faculty and administrators.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON GRADUATE STUDENTS

- Represent the next generation of world-class scientists, as well as local, regional, national and global leaders in innovation, business and academics
- Fulfill a regional and national need for a highly educated workforce that fosters economic growth and contributes to solving the world's major challenges
- Provide much of the meticulous work that powers the UW's \$1.3 billion per year research enterprise
- Contribute to the innovation and discovery that make our professors great by facilitating publications and grants that fuel our international reputation and bring new ideas to the marketplace
- Serve as teaching assistants and role models for thousands of UW undergraduates each year, in the classroom and the lab
- Choose from more than 370 graduate and certificate programs in 120 UW academic departments
- Have a significant presence at the UW: one in four students at the UW are graduate students
- Publish scholarly works – 80 percent authored or co-authored articles prior to completing their degrees
- Contributed to the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics – 14 former and current grad students participated in research that led to the discovery of neutrino oscillations
- Include 178 National Science Foundation fellows and 10 Fulbright fellows, and approximately 500 graduate students on federal training grants
- Contributed to 41 percent of the UW's 652 patent applications filed in FY2017
- Are supported by generous donors, such as the Seattle Chapter of the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation, which has contributed more than \$12 million in graduate fellowships since 1978