

PURSUING GRADUATE EDUCATION: *Creating Pipelines and Pathways*

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WHAT IS GRADUATE SCHOOL?

- An advanced program of study focused on a particular academic discipline or a specific profession
- “Academic” (centered on generating research and learning in a particular discipline) or “Professional” (centered on developing skills and knowledge for future professionals), or a combination of both traditions
- An opportunity for your students to study their passion deeply, to build their professional networks, and prepare for leadership in their field of interest and in their communities

WHAT IS GO-MAP?

Graduate Opportunities & Minority Achievement Program

[GO-MAP](#) is a unit in the UW Graduate School, and for the past 40 years, has committed to **servicing 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*



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WHY GRADUATE SCHOOL?

- Professional advancement
 - Meet their career/professional/educational goals
 - Enter the job market with highly developed skills
 - As more people earn undergraduate degrees, the leadership will be filled with those who have advanced degrees
- Intellectual curiosity
 - Research and develop expertise in their field
 - Study your passion with others as passionate as them
 - Build their intellectual & professional communities
- Leadership – make a difference!



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HOW YOUR STUDENTS SELECT A GRADUATE PROGRAM

- Finding the right fit
- Gauging Faculty research
- Investigating typical curriculum/ coursework
- Geographic location & school size
- Faculty and staff support/ mentoring
- Funding their studies: *what kind of financial support is available (fellowships/RA/TA)*



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WHAT ARE THE SUCCESSFUL GRADUATE SCHOOL APPLICATION COMPONENTS?

- Test Scores: *They need time to take any required tests, such as GRE, LSAT, GMAT, etc.*
- Transcripts of all colleges students attended
- Letters of Recommendation (usually 2 or 3 from people who REALLY know the student)
- Resume/CV
- Statement of Purpose (details academic goals)
- Personal Statement (details personal background)



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ARE YOUR STUDENTS GETTING THE EXPERIENCE THEY NEED TO COMPETE?

- Research experiences
 - Summer programs: [Undergraduate Research Program](#)
 - Finding faculty of interest
- Internships
- Job shadowing



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HOW YOU CAN GUIDE YOUR STUDENTS

- Talk to your students about graduate studies
- Listen to what they have to say
- Are they interested in graduate school, now or perhaps later?
- Words of wisdom you can provide



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GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES?

- Graduate School webpages: <http://www.grad.washington.edu/>
- Hardcopy materials available here
- GO-MAP Special Events
 - *Mentoring/Networking Reception | Thursday, February 2, 2012*
 - *Prospective Student Days | Thur & Fri March 29 & 30, 2012*
- [Office of Graduate Admissions](#), [Office of Graduate Fellowships & Awards](#)



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OTHER RESOURCES?

- [National Name Exchange](#)
- [McNair Scholars Program](#)
- Various recruitment fairs



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QUESTIONS?



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