PURSUING GRADUATE EDUCATION:
Creating Pipelines and Pathways

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• 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 **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
WHY GRADUATE SCHOOL?

• Professional advancement
  o Meet their career/professional/educational goals
  o Enter the job market with highly developed skills
  o As more people earn undergraduate degrees, the leadership will be filled with those who have advanced degrees

• Intellectual curiosity
  o Research and develop expertise in their field
  o Study your passion with others as passionate as them
  o Build their intellectual & professional communities

• Leadership – make a difference!
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)

THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
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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)
ARE YOUR STUDENTS GETTING THE EXPERIENCE THEY NEED TO COMPETE?

- Research experiences
  - Summer programs: Undergraduate Research Program
  - Finding faculty of interest

- Internships

- Job shadowing
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
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
OTHER RESOURCES?

- National Name Exchange
- McNair Scholars Program
- Various recruitment fairs
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