

WHAT IS THE GRADUATE STUDENT COLLABORATIVE (GSC)?

A resource and community for all graduate students at UW-Madison to meet people from different departments and learn about the many opportunities for professional development offered on campus.



Graduate Student Collaborative

*Connecting grad students
to one another, the
university, and the
community*

GRADUATE STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- In collaboration with many other groups on campus, we offer a variety of professional development **workshops** for graduate students in all disciplines.
- In addition to individual sessions throughout the year, we organize two major events each year: a day-long **symposium** in the fall and a **Professional Development Week** in the spring.
- We also offer two **awards** for graduate students: **Vilas Travel Grants** are awarded to dissertators for conference or research travel purposes in the fall and **Graduate Student Mentor Awards** recognize grad students who mentor their fellow grad students each spring.

GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- GSC hosts weekly **Friday Socials** from 5 to 7 p.m. to connect grad students to one another, campus, and the Madison community. GSC also collaborates with other graduate student organizations to host a monthly **Grad Student Bash**. See the *GradConnections* e-newsletter for the location of the next one!
- GSC and the Multicultural Graduate Network (MGN) host a **Ropes Course Challenge** in September for grad students to meet new friends, develop leadership skills, and challenge themselves on a high ropes course through Adventure Learning Programs (ALPS).
- Many grad students enjoy participating in **intramural athletics**, so GSC helps to organize groups of interested players throughout the year.
- We also encourage grad students to develop and lead **special interest activity groups**, such as a cycling group and a dining club.

GET INVOLVED

- **Join the GSC list-serv** to start receiving our weekly e-newsletter, *GradConnections*, and get information about university and community events, job opportunities, and student-led initiatives. Simply send an e-mail with "Join List-serv" in the subject line to gsc@bascom.wisc.edu to get started.
- **Show up!** Attend any of our social or professional development events to be involved.

FIND OUT MORE

- Get your copy of ***The Guide to Graduate Student Life*** from your department's grad coordinator! This guide book was written by grad students for grad students to help navigate graduate school and Madison more easily.
- Attend the **New Graduate Student Welcome** events, including panel discussions with current students, socials, a campus tour, and a resource fair.
- Read ***GradLink@Madison*** each month to find out about funding sources, professional development workshops, social and cultural events, and more.

The Graduate Student Collaborative is dedicated to enhancing the involvement, personal and professional development, and ultimately, the quality of life of Wisconsin graduate students by acting as a resource, a voice, and a link within the Graduate School. GSC is engaged in outreach, professional development, and social programming.

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