

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



The Graduate Student Collaborative (GSC) is dedicated to:

Increasing graduate **student involvement** in the university community

Supporting grad students' **personal and professional development**

Enhancing the overall **quality of life** of UW-Madison graduate students

The GSC acts as a **resource**, a **voice**, and a **link** for grad students within the Graduate School

The GSC is engaged in **outreach, professional development, and social programming**

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## Graduate Student Professional Development

### Workshops

In collaboration with other groups on campus, GSC offers a variety of professional development workshops, seminars, and panel discussions that cover topics related to career planning and academic preparation for graduate students in all disciplines. Check out our events calendar on the GSC Web site and find the workshops that are right for you!

### Special Events

This fall, GSC will be hosting a half-day workshop, "Finding the Leader Within You." In late January, mark your calendars for Professional Development Week, a weeklong series of workshops; this year's theme is "Taking the Next Step: Getting Ready for the Job Market." Details will be available on the GSC Web site.

### Awards

In the fall, GSC awards Vilas Travel Grants to dissertators and final-year MFAs for conference or research travel. Applications are accepted Oct. 1 - Oct. 31. In the spring, GSC and Multicultural Graduate Network co-host the Graduate Student Mentor Awards ceremony which recognizes grad students who mentor their peers.

## Graduate Student Personal & Social Development

### Socials

GSC hosts weekly Friday socials from 5-7 p.m. to connect grad students to one another. This year GSC will also be holding the Monthly Midweek Mingle on the first Wednesday of every month. Look out for monthly Grad Student Bashes in collaboration with other student organizations.

### Teambuilding Adventure Challenge

GSC and MGN host a Teambuilding Adventure Challenge in August for grad students to meet new friends, develop leadership skills, and challenge themselves with fun competitions and adrenaline-filled activities. Adventure Learning Programs (ALPs) facilitates this program.

### Intramural Athletics

Throughout the year, GSC helps to organize groups of interested grad students to play on intramural teams.

### Gastronomic Gadabouts

GSC invites all grad students to join us every month as we try out different Madison restaurants.

### Get Involved

Develop and lead special interest activity groups, such as a cycling or dining group.

Show up! Attend any GSC social or professional development events and get involved.

### Stay Connected

- Sign up to receive the *GradConnections* newsletter
- Join Grads on the Facebook
- Read *GradLink@Madison* each month to find out about funding, workshops, events, and more!