



GRADUATE PREPARATION PROGRAM

Get Ready for Graduate School Success

The Graduate Preparation Program (GPP) helps international students prepare for the demands of graduate study in the United States. This intensive summer program lasts for four weeks and includes 100 hours of instruction, with all classes held on our beautiful University of Washington campus in Seattle.

WHO SHOULD APPLY

GPP is an essential orientation to the U.S. graduate school experience, no matter what subject you are planning to study. International students from all fields are encouraged to apply.

GOALS

This program is designed to help you:

- Prepare for the intellectual challenges of graduate study at an American college or university
- Develop advanced verbal presentation and English language skills
- Increase your knowledge of U.S. academic culture and etiquette
- Learn to work closely with your fellow students to conduct high-quality research projects
- Build a network of academic and professional peers



UPCOMING SESSION

Summer 2017

LOCATION

UW Seattle campus

DURATION

4 weeks (25 hours per week)

IMMIGRATION

GPP students must enter the United States on an I-20 issued for GPP. Your immigration record will be transferred to your graduate school after you complete the program.

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PROGRAM FEATURES

To help you develop critical skills needed for success in graduate school, the Graduate Preparation Program includes:

- A lecture series on a wide variety of graduate-level topics presented by UW faculty
- A graduate-level secondary research project, poster session and a final academic conference-style oral presentation
- Panel discussions with current graduate students to help you understand academic culture and expectations
- Social activities, including a welcome reception, mixer, weekly coffee hour and closing ceremony

STUDYING IN SEATTLE

The UW is located in Seattle, Washington, a city known for its lush evergreen trees, spacious parks, scenic lakes and mild climate. Seattle is a friendly, progressive and culturally diverse place, and it's consistently ranked among America's best places to live, work and study.

Recreational opportunities include exploring the numerous Puget Sound islands and beaches; hiking and skiing in nearby mountains and national parks; visiting the area's museums, opera, zoo and aquarium; attending theater, music and film festivals; and going to major college and professional sporting events.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This program fills up quickly, so we encourage you to apply by late spring. To be eligible for GPP, you must have:

- An acceptance letter from a graduate program at a U.S. college or university (for any field of study)
- One of the following minimum test scores: TOEFL iBT 84 (17*) or IELTS 6.5 (5.5*)

**Subscores must be equal to or higher than the indicated number. Some exceptions may be possible; please contact us if you feel your case requires special consideration.*

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

For more information, including application details, visit us online at ielp.uw.edu/gpp.

"GPP is a great program. It really helped prepare me for the American classroom. What had been taught during GPP is what I'm actually doing in class now in my two-year program. I would highly recommend it to future students who would like to pursue their studies in the U.S."

— Esther Sibona

"Through GPP I became fully prepared for graduate study in the USA, academically and personally. I got all strategies and techniques, from how to write a research paper to how to conduct myself in the classroom."

— Sarantsetseg Batjargal

"This program taught me how to do research, how to make presentations and, since I'm an international student, introduced me to the American academic culture."

— Omar Mohsin