As one of the world’s leading schools of social work and a hub for social innovation, the UW School of Social Work has a lot to be proud of. Here are some highlights of our research capacity, faculty recognition, student support and national leadership in the field.

- Second among the nation’s more than 200 advanced social work degree programs (U.S. News & World Report, Best Graduate Schools 2023).

- Conceptualized and advanced the Grand Challenges for Social Work, a national initiative to champion social progress powered by science and focused on 13 social issues.

- Nearly half are students of color Black, Indigenous and students of color, making us one of the most diverse professional schools at the University of Washington.

- Leading a statewide behavioral health workforce development initiative funded by a $24.8 million gift from the Ballmer Group that provides educational grants to graduate social work and counseling students at 13 participating universities.

- A total of 718 students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs; 330 students graduated in 2022.

- Established the Roffman Term Faculty Fellowships for Antiracism in 2020, focused on strengthening faculty understanding and teaching of racism and social justice.

- Nearly $5 million in student support awarded annually.

- More than 600 field education sites for BASW and MSW students.

- Nine School of Social Work researchers are among the top 2% of the world’s most influential scientists in their fields (Stanford University-Elsevier, 2021)

- First among social work schools worldwide for influential scholarship and broad impact (Center for World University Rankings, 2017).

- Received $53 million in research grants and training revenue in fiscal year 2022.

- More than a dozen research and innovation centers focused on every area of the human lifespan.

- More than $73 million raised in a recent fundraising campaign, exceeding the $70 million goal—the largest on record for a school of social work at a public university.

- First endowed deanship in social work at a U.S. public university.

- Twenty-nine recipients of UW Awards of Excellence for teaching, leadership, mentorship and public service.

- Twelve professors inducted as fellows of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare, in recognition of their accomplishments as scholars and practitioners.