

# PRIDE POINTS



**As one of the nation's leading schools of social work, the UW School of Social Work has a lot to be proud of. Here are some highlights of our teaching excellence, research capacity, antiracism work, donor support and 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.
- Students of color constitute 48% of the student body, making the School 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 680 students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs; 320 students graduated in 2023.
- Established the Roffman Term Faculty Fellowships for Antiracism in 2020, focused on strengthening faculty understanding and teaching of racism and social justice.
- 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)
- More than 600 field education sites for BASW and MSW students.
- \$5.8 million in student support awarded annually.
- On July 1, 2023, Michael S. Spencer became the second Ballmer Endowed Dean of the UW School of Social Work. He is first Native Hawaiian or Kānaka Maoli dean to serve at the University of Washington.
- Received \$35.4 million in research grants and training funding in fiscal year 2023.
- 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.
- Twenty-nine recipients of UW Awards of Excellence for teaching, leadership, mentorship and public service.
- First endowed deanship in social work at a U.S. public university.
- Fourteen professors inducted as fellows of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare, in recognition of their accomplishments as scholars and practitioners.

