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 accolades, student support, leadership in the field, and more.

- Ranked first among social work schools in the world by the Center for World University Rankings for the School’s influential scholarship and broad impact.
- Instructs some 650 students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs; nearly 80 percent remain in Washington state and 39 percent assume leadership roles.
- Provides nearly $5 million in student support awarded annually.
- Recognized as one of the most diverse professional schools at the University of Washington, with students of color making up 47 percent of enrollment.
- Recipient of the first endowed deanship in social work at a U.S. public university, through the generous support of private philanthropy.
- Ranked fifth among the nation’s 251 advanced social work degree programs (MSW), according to U.S. News & World Report 2019 Best Graduate Schools.
- Houses more than a dozen research and innovation centers that focus on virtually every area of social welfare and the human life span from youth development to healthy aging.
- Received more than $47.8 million in research and training revenue in fiscal year 2017.
- Selected as the site of the new Healthy Generations Hartford Center of Excellence in Geriatric Social Work—one of only five such centers in the nation.
- Site of the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute, named a Center of Excellence by the National Institutes of Health—the first school of social work in the nation to receive this designation typically reserved for schools of public health.
- Conceptualized and advanced the Grand Challenges for Social Work, a national initiative promoting social progress through science-driven innovations focused on 12 pressing social issues, from closing the health gap to reducing extreme economic inequality.
- Ten professors inducted into the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare, a recognition of their distinguished accomplishments as scholars and practitioners; nine recipients of the UW Distinguished Teaching Award.