

What kind of innovative change do you want to lead?

Collaborate and build community on Campus to increase accessibility and awareness on disability, both visible and invisible.

Develop a more normalized and regular conversations between faculty and students about funding and financial and research resources.

Helping students and faculty learn about how to talk about diversity and inclusion.

Finding better ways to support and build a strong community for Graduate Student-Parents.

A program to address leading supportive and inclusive labs

Normalize faculty and department support for graduate students pursuing non-academic careers

A norming class for graduate students!

Culture change - an office where grad students stop by all the time and lean on us more

Develop mentoring program for 1st year students to connect with other current students

Normalize and enhance mental health and wellbeing support and resources.

Creating a sustainable program to help 1st-gen and historically excluded students thrive, not just survive!

I love collaboration and want to connect staff, students, and faculty to see ways they are connected-interest wise, research wise, project wise. An open house of sorts to share and discover partnerships.

Increase faculty and student interactions/ activities

Create and build networks across campus and the region.

An International student focused group so they can share their experiences, resources, funding options (as there are very few).

More support with increasing funding opportunities for Undocumented Graduate Students

Find ways for new students (international) students to connect with each other. So many platforms!

Workshops for students, faculty and staff to network and collaborate

Technology innovation that supports students and advisors

Create supportive and communicative space for grad students, that is accessible and collaborative.

Better ways to create camaraderie between new cohorts and continuing grads.

What partnership(s) do you need to develop or utilize more fully?

Stronger, greater visibility for Grad Students, a stronger voice for Grad Students on campus.

Larger connections with other departments on campus.

Partnerships between financial systems on campus and beyond including all student, faculty, and staff access.

Connections with fellowship offices in order to support Undocumented Graduate Students with additional funding opportunities

Connections with graduate programs and advisors across all campuses. Stronger statewide advising community.

Create more of an interconnected channel between all the departments to better coordinate support and resources for the graduate community as a whole

Work with the highest levels of admin (above GS) to voice the needs of grad ed

Get to know other departments/coordinators who have similar goals.

Partner better with new faculty to better educate them about policies, degree requirements, and resources

Working with our department faculty, even when they frustrate me!

Work on my partnership working with faculty as well as leadership.

Direct connection with mental health providers.

Partnerships with health centers and mental health resources

Connect with faculty advisors in my program

Partnerships between faculty and grad students; work with all other grad advisers

Strategies for Building Partnership

Step into spaces

Find mutually beneficial projects

recognize your worth and what you have to offer

Cross Campus Coffee Chat!!

Being authentic and genuine with the things you say and do when you interact with the faculty and students

Ask how you can support them

(1/2) When spearheading a new initiative, I think it's important to assess your workload. The first and best person in your network is your....

(2/2) ... supervisor or manager to help you find balance as you take on something new. Add this initiative to your work plan/professional goals. Get buy in from leadership.

I know we often don't like talking about it, but we have to find ways to demonstrate our competency and show others what we have to offer (toot your horn!)

show genuine gratitude for others contributions and collaborations

Keep in touch

So important to champion yourself and not downplay your own accomplishments and successes!

Learning from our colleagues - GSAC & Grad Prog Coord Coffee Chat!

Get Coffee/Tea: even Bring Your Own Coffee. Step out of your space and have a focused/intentional conversation with someone.

Checking in on campus partners each month to see how they are doing

Reciprocity - help others and ask for help

Talk to faculty about their research interests to learn more and build relationships

Invest time into relationships

I am going to be grateful to be back on campus and having the opportunity for coffee walks - I will challenge myself to reach out and schedule one a week with a colleague.

More intercampus graduate advisor exchanges like these. Perhaps developing some discipline-based cross-campus graduate advisor networks.

remember the knowledge power staff can offer to faculty advisors