

Graduate Students Agenda

Graduate student identity

- Engaging with students from diverse backgrounds is a key asset for graduate education and a strong basis for personal development and career preparation.
- Acknowledge diversity and strengthen the UU graduate student identity through small- scale communities at program / departmental level
- Organise recurring events like lectures, seminars, encounters with researchers in combination with social activities, open to and of interest of all graduate students at department level, but also open to others.
- Reach out to international graduate students before arrival on campus, organize early on-boarding, for example by a buddy programme.

Interdisciplinarity

- Provide interdisciplinary options and resources by
 - o Suggested course threads at the institutional level
 - o Small-scale interdisciplinary courses (including honours)
 - o Acknowledged extension of the graduate programme, including options to work on broad themes with students from different disciplines.
- Stimulate students to make effective use of the broad range of courses at graduate level.
- The success of these options is determined by open information about the available possibilities.

Future careers

- Development of 21st century skills is essential in each graduate programme.
- Instruments based on self-assessment should allow to develop personal development plans that are supported by career services and training opportunities.
- Career services at master and PhD level can be better aligned
- Broad overview of options for internships, employment data and access to alumni supported by strong databases