



# Opportunities!

... for University of Washington Students with Disabilities



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## Are You a Student with a Disability Attending the University of Washington?

This newsletter promotes resources for students with disabilities on University of Washington campuses, partnering between Disability Resources for Students, the UW Career Centers, and DO-IT (Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology).

### This newsletter highlights the following:

- Internship opportunities
- Online learning strategies
- Career & Internship Center events
- Accessible technology
- Campus centers
- Student groups
- STEM and computing resources
- Scholarship opportunities

We sincerely wish you a successful and enjoyable college experience.



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## Employment Program for Students with Disabilities

A Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) Recruiter will be interviewing UW students remotely! Register by October 15 to participate.

WRP serves as a primary pipeline for bringing new talent into the federal government. WRP is open to students and recent graduates with disabilities. Participating in the WRP is an excellent way to access these opportunities:

- Find an internship or permanent position at federal agencies,
- Explore careers in the federal service, and
- Gain interviewing experience.

For more information visit [www.dol.gov/odep/wrp/Students.htm](http://www.dol.gov/odep/wrp/Students.htm) or contact UW campus coordinator Tami Tidwell at [tamitha@uw.edu](mailto:tamitha@uw.edu). Open to students from all three UW campuses.

**Registration is open now and must be completed by October 15, 2020 at [wrp.gov](http://wrp.gov)**



### Learn Tips for Online Learning from Students with Disabilities

This past year, more classes than ever before are being held online. This has caused many students to need to adapt their preferred learning styles to new formats.

Participants in the DO-IT community shared their experiences and recommendations for other students with disabilities who are taking online courses.

Read this resource at [uw.edu/doit/online-learning-strategies-students-disabilities](http://uw.edu/doit/online-learning-strategies-students-disabilities).

### Join Projects for Students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Fields

Funded by the National Science Foundation, the *AccessSTEM* and *AccessComputing* projects are recruiting students in STEM fields such as biology, chemistry, physics, math, computing, engineering, aerospace, astronomy, geology, anthropology, horticulture, conservation, forensics, and many other social science disciplines. *AccessSTEM* and *AccessComputing* team members join an online community to receive a variety of resources and opportunities:

- **Internships:** Receive assistance finding and applying for great internships.
- **Career Building:** Learn about careers, resumes, job fairs, and networking.
- **Mentoring:** Get support from other students, faculty, staff, and professionals.

To apply online or learn more about these programs, visit [uw.edu/doit/join-projects-students-science-technology-engineering-and-mathematics-stem-fields](http://uw.edu/doit/join-projects-students-science-technology-engineering-and-mathematics-stem-fields).

For more information about *AccessSTEM* and *AccessComputing*, contact Scott Bellman at 206-685-3648 (voice/TTY) or [swb3@uw.edu](mailto:swb3@uw.edu).

## UW Career Resources

### The UW Career & Internship Center

The Career & Internship Centers on each UW campus help students learn about majors, careers, and the labor market. Career counselors are available to help with resume development and improving interview skills. Visit their website at [www.careers.uw.edu/](http://www.careers.uw.edu/).

UW Career & Internship Centers utilize the web-based system Handshake to manage job and internship listings. Find out more about featured jobs and internships at [careers.washington.edu/jobs](http://careers.washington.edu/jobs).

The Career & Internship Center website has a resources section with information specific to people with disabilities. It can be accessed by visiting [careers.uw.edu/resources/](http://careers.uw.edu/resources/) and utilizing the “Students With Disabilities” filter.



### The UW Career & Internship Center Is Now Virtual!

Check the UW Career & Internship Center website to find a variety of resources, including the options below:

- **Online Resume Review**—get resume feedback over email by filling out the form at [careers.uw.edu/online-resume-review/](http://careers.uw.edu/online-resume-review/).
- **Virtual appointments**—connect with a coach via Zoom or phone. Make an appointment at [careers.uw.edu/schedule-an-appointment-with-a-career-coach/](http://careers.uw.edu/schedule-an-appointment-with-a-career-coach/).
- **Webinars**—find out more about all 27 webinars offered this spring at [careers.uw.edu/events/student/](http://careers.uw.edu/events/student/).



### Virtual Events and Presentations

#### Virtual Career Fair 101: How to Prepare for a Fair

Friday, October 9, 2020, 1:30 – 2:20 pm

Learn more: [careers.uw.edu/events/2020/10/09/virtual-career-fair-101-how-to-prepare-for-a-fair-online-2/](http://careers.uw.edu/events/2020/10/09/virtual-career-fair-101-how-to-prepare-for-a-fair-online-2/)

#### How to Maximize Handshake Workshop

Monday, October 12, 2020, 12:30 – 1:00 pm

Learn more: [careers.uw.edu/events/2020/10/12/how-to-maximize-handshake-workshop-online-5/](http://careers.uw.edu/events/2020/10/12/how-to-maximize-handshake-workshop-online-5/)

#### Resume Workshop

Monday, October 19, 2020, 11:30 – 12:00 pm

Learn more: [careers.uw.edu/events/2020/10/19/resume-workshop-online-16/](http://careers.uw.edu/events/2020/10/19/resume-workshop-online-16/)

#### Grad School: Now, Later, or Never?

Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 1:30 – 2:00 pm

Learn more: [careers.uw.edu/events/2020/11/03/grad-school-now-later-or-never-online-2/](http://careers.uw.edu/events/2020/11/03/grad-school-now-later-or-never-online-2/)

#### Job Searching with Identity in Mind

Friday, November 13, 2020, 2:30 – 3:00 pm

Learn more: [careers.uw.edu/events/2020/11/13/job-searching-with-identity-in-mind-online-2/](http://careers.uw.edu/events/2020/11/13/job-searching-with-identity-in-mind-online-2/)

#### How to Build a Network Workshop

Friday, November 20, 2020, 3:30 – 4:00 pm

Learn more: [careers.uw.edu/events/2020/11/20/how-to-build-a-network-workshop-online-4/](http://careers.uw.edu/events/2020/11/20/how-to-build-a-network-workshop-online-4/)

For more information about these virtual events and to see the full list, visit [careers.uw.edu/events/student/](http://careers.uw.edu/events/student/). Registration is required.

## Accessible Technology Resources on Campus

There are many services at the University of Washington to help students with disabilities obtain access to accessible technology. Although Fall quarter classes will be online, many resources are still available to students.

### The Access Technology Center

The Access Technology Center (ATC) on the Seattle campus provides resources to improve access to computing resources for University of Washington students, faculty, and staff. The computers, software, and special equipment in the center and at other locations on UW campuses provide

- access for blind users via speech output or braille;
- screen magnification for people with low vision;
- alternatives to the standard keyboard and mouse;
- speech recognition software as a writing tool;
- tools to make reading and writing easier;
- accessories for comfortable computer use; and
- the capability to produce documents in alternative formats such as e-text, braille, and large print.

For information about assistive technology on your campus, ask your disability services representative. Consult their website at [uw.edu/itconnect/learn/accessible/atc/](http://uw.edu/itconnect/learn/accessible/atc/) or, when possible, visit the ATC at the UW Seattle campus in Mary Gates Hall, room 064.

**Need an alternative, accessible document?** Check out Disability Resource Services's document conversion tool at [depts.washington.edu/uwitats/conversion](http://depts.washington.edu/uwitats/conversion).



### Center for Technology and Disability Studies

The Center for Technology and Disability Studies (CTDS) is an interdisciplinary program within the Center for Human Development and Disability and the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine in the School of Medicine. To learn more about CTDS projects and activities, visit [uwctds.washington.edu/](http://uwctds.washington.edu/).

### Accessible Technology at the UW

The Accessible Technology website provides resources and tips related to IT accessibility, as well as opportunities for community involvement. Check it out at [uw.edu/accessibility/](http://uw.edu/accessibility/).

## Student Resource Centers



### D Center

The UW Disability and d/Deaf Culture

Center fosters a climate of social justice and pride, centered on universal design, access, and diversity. It cultivates disability and d/Deaf pride by promoting social justice through an inclusive environment, sharing resources for self-advocacy, developing educational programming, engaging stakeholders with principles of universal design, and promoting a transforming socio-cultural understanding of disability. For more information, email [dcenter@uw.edu](mailto:dcenter@uw.edu) or visit their website at [depts.washington.edu/dcenter](https://depts.washington.edu/dcenter).

The D Center is currently virtual and offering online resources and events. Sign up for their newsletter at [bit.ly/DCenterNews](http://bit.ly/DCenterNews) or follow them on Facebook at [facebook.com/UW.D.Center](https://facebook.com/UW.D.Center).



### UW Veterans Center

The UW Veterans Center is a place for veterans to connect with other veterans, gain access to university resources specifically designed for veterans, and find and build their community within the university. Find out more at [depts.washington.edu/osfaweb/veterans](https://depts.washington.edu/osfaweb/veterans).



### Q Center

The Q Center builds and facilitates queer academic and social community through education, advocacy, and support services. Services and resources include a lending library, discussion forums, meet ups, social space, brief crisis intervention, and referrals. Find out more at [depts.uw.edu/qcenter/wordpress/](https://depts.uw.edu/qcenter/wordpress/)

## Student Groups

### ASL Club

For more information on the American Sign Language Club, check out their Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/292797340749864/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/292797340749864/).

### Mad Campus

Mad Campus is a peer group for students identifying with or experiencing madness, mental illness and/or neurodiversity. Mad Campus meets throughout the school year. Check the D Center website for updated times.

### ASUW Student Disability Commission

The Associated Students of the University of Washington Student Disability Commission was established to create communities for individuals with disabilities and their allies by providing programming, resources, and a safe accessible space. For more information, send an email to [asuwswdc@uw.edu](mailto:asuwswdc@uw.edu).

## Explore the UW's Disability Studies Program

Disability studies (DS) at the UW involves a multi-campus interdisciplinary group of faculty, staff, students, and community members, who share an interest in questions relating to society's understanding of disability. The undergraduate disability studies minor and the individualized studies major in disability studies provide opportunities for students to develop a strong interdisciplinary foundation in the social, legal, and political framing of disability. For more information, visit their website at [disabilitystudies.washington.edu](https://disabilitystudies.washington.edu).

### Find More Connections Online

There are over 900 Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) at UW. Take a look at all the clubs campus has to offer by browsing the RSO Directory at [uws-community.symplicity.com/index.php?s=student\\_group](https://uws-community.symplicity.com/index.php?s=student_group).



## Learn About Projects at the Center for Neurotechnology

The Center for Neurotechnology (CNT), located in the Bill & Melinda Gates Center for Computer Science & Engineering, collaborates with partner universities to facilitate advances in neural engineering. The CNT is recruiting UW students with disabilities who are interested in this complex field and brain-computer interface to participate in activities.

For more information, contact Scott Bellman, CNT associate director of diversity, at [swb3@uw.edu](mailto:swb3@uw.edu) or visit the CNT website at [www.centerfornurotech.org/](http://www.centerfornurotech.org/).

## Website Featuring Scholarships for Students with Disabilities

Learn about scholarships for students with all types of disabilities and interests. Each scholarship includes eligibility, a deadline, and a link to apply. For more information or help applying to scholarships, contact DO-IT to receive editing and support. Learn more by visiting [www.uw.edu/doit/resources/scholarships](http://www.uw.edu/doit/resources/scholarships).

## Explore College Funding for Students with Disabilities

Common forms of financial aid include grants, loans, work study, and scholarships. Many students use a combination of these financial aid resources. To learn more about strategies for funding your education, check out *College Funding Strategies for Students with Disabilities* at [www.uw.edu/doit/college-funding-students-disabilities](http://www.uw.edu/doit/college-funding-students-disabilities).

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Facebook Group: [bit.ly/do-itfb](https://bit.ly/do-itfb)

Facebook Page: [bit.ly/fbdoituw](https://bit.ly/fbdoituw)

Twitter: @doituw



## Disabilities, Opportunities, Internetworking, and Technology

DO-IT serves to increase the participation of individuals with disabilities in challenging academic programs and careers. It promotes the use of computing and networking technologies to increase independence, productivity, and participation in education and employment. Based at the UW Seattle campus, DO-IT works with students preparing for college or currently attending any two- or four-year university.

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