Graduate Student Support

In the fall of 2009 the Graduate School with funding from the Graduate Council of Deans Peterson’s award developed two outstanding programs to support underrepresented groups on campus. These programs have provided support, resources, and community to their respective populations. The Tide Together Mentoring Program and the Graduate Parenting Support Program work with departments, student organizations, and academic programs throughout campus to provide a inclusive experience for graduate students at UA.

Tide Together Mentoring Program- A one-on-one mentoring program that provides students with resources and support for successful completion of their degree. The program provides networking opportunities, academic guidance, and encouragement through close and sustained contact with a mentoring team.

Eligibility Requirements and Selection Process: Mentees are chosen at the start of each fall semester. Each mentee must be a member of 1 of 3 specific criteria:

- Member of an underrepresented group in graduate education
- Female in the STEM disciplines
- First generation/low income college student

All applicants must complete a written application and participate in an interview.

Graduate Parent Support Program (GPS)- A campus-wide support program for graduate students with children. The program reaches over 500 students each year. GPS partners with numerous campus and community organizations to provide graduate student parents with resources, kid-friendly events, and assistance. The GPS program has been instrumental in developing other parent assistance program such as the Undergraduate Parent Support program, Student Parent Organization, and Sitters for Service. GPS’s mission is to provide information about campus and community resources available to graduate students with children, provide a centralized platform for students to communicate about various topics related to work/family balance, coordinate events that allow graduate students with children to network with each other, with professors, and the community at large, and serve as an advocate for graduate students with children.
Eligibility Requirements: GPS is open to all graduate students at UA.