Diversity & Intercultural Relations at Whitworth University

Whitworth Diversity Leadership Scholarship

Students from underrepresented racial/ethnic populations, and/or students who have recently lived as members of underrepresented populations in other cultures, are eligible to become Diversity Leadership Scholars. The $2,000 Diversity Leadership Scholarship provides recipients with opportunities to serve the Whitworth community in formal and informal settings, including hosting and connecting with prospective students, leading student clubs or events in the Intercultural Student Center, and serving as cultural-diversity advocates.

The Diversity Leadership Scholarship is awarded in addition to all other academic scholarships and need-based financial aid available to students. The average total financial aid award for 2013 freshmen was $30,403.

Curious About Campus?

There is no better way to discover whether Whitworth is the right place for you than to experience it for yourself. Most visits include an admissions presentation, a campus tour, lunch in our dining hall, a class visit (selected by you), information for parents, a current student panel, and individual appointments with professors or coaches upon request. Tours with Spanish-speaking guides are available upon request. We encourage you to sign up for one of the following visit options online at www.whitworth.edu/visit:

- Why Whitworth Days
- Snapshot
- Individual visits
- Group visits

Applying to Whitworth

Whitworth is committed to a holistic review of all applicants – one that goes beyond GPA and SAT scores to identify all students who have the potential to succeed at Whitworth and contribute to our community. Our application requirements include:

- our free online Whitworth Freshman Application or Common Application;
- one Academic Recommendation Form or a recommendation letter;
- an official high school transcript;
- official SAT or ACT scores OR an admissions interview. *

*Applicants with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above from an accredited high school or an accredited home-school program may choose to have a phone interview with an admissions counselor rather than submit SAT or ACT scores.

For More Information

If you have questions or if you would like more information about diversity & intercultural relations, financial aid, visiting campus, or applying to Whitworth, please contact the Whitworth Office of Admissions at 1.800.533.4668 or visit www.whitworth.edu/admissions.

Hablas Español?

Para información en Español sobre las admisiones y la ayuda financiera de Whitworth, diríjase a la página: www.whitworth.edu/espanol.
Whitworth’s Commitment to Diversity

Whitworth University’s mission and enduring promise is “to provide its diverse student body an education of mind and heart, equipping its graduates to honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity.” It is with great confidence and conviction that I can say that our faculty, staff and senior leadership recognize the prominent role diversity, equity and inclusion play in our ability to deliver on that promise. Each day we are growing in our understanding of how these values are inextricably tied to excellence and to our ability to help all of our students develop the intercultural competencies that will enable them to live, love and learn in an increasingly diverse world.

As one of its eight primary goals in the Whitworth 2021 Vision and Strategic Plan, the university commits to cultivating in students, faculty, and staff the ability to relate effectively across multiple dimensions of human difference. During the next decade, Whitworth will focus on issues of intercultural competency and equity related to gender, race and ethnicity by...

- Equipping the Whitworth community to live, work and learn in relationships that reflect the call to love God and to love one’s neighbor, through curricular and co-curricular programs, professional development, and training opportunities;
- Strengthening recruitment and retention of faculty and staff to reflect the diversity of the U.S. population and also expanding leadership opportunities at Whitworth for women and for individuals from underrepresented racial/ethnic populations;
- Supporting Whitworth’s commitment to intercultural competency, inclusiveness and diversity by recruiting and retaining a diverse student body.

We welcome you to join us in this journey!

Blessings,
Lawrence A. Q. Barney, Ph.D.
Asst. Vice President for Diversity & Intercultural Relations

Whitworth by the Numbers
- 2,249 undergraduate enrollment
- 58.6% female
- 41.2% male
- 33 states represented
- 27 countries represented (South Korea, China, Ghana and Brazil are most represented)
- 17% of students are from underrepresented racial/ethnic populations.
- 89% of students from underrepresented racial/ethnic populations graduate in four years.
- 9.5% of faculty, administrators and staff are from underrepresented racial/ethnic populations.

Student Multicultural Events, Clubs & Organizations*
- Cultural Awareness Week
- International Banquet
- International Education Week
- International Club
- Hawaiian Club
- Japanese Visual Culture Club
- Native American Club
- Spanish Club
- Black Student Union
- Global Servants for Christ
- International Justice Mission
- Students for Education Reform (SER)
- Gospel Choir
- Latino Student Union

*Clubs are subject to change based on yearly student interest and need

Student Resources
- Freshman Pre-Divisional Transition program for first-generation students, students from underrepresented racial/ethnic populations, and international students.
- Intercultural Student Center: Organizes and supports intercultural programs on campus and provides transition counseling to underrepresented ethnic student groups.
- Cultural-Diversity Advocates: Student leaders in residence halls who encourage the development of a community across diverse cultures.
- Courageous Conversations: Programs that intentionally engage challenging social issues.
- Act Six Leadership & Scholarship Initiative: A scholarship program for urban leaders from Spokane and Seattle/Tacoma.
- International Education Center: Supports extensive off-campus study programs (domestic and international).
- Educational Support Services

Administrative Resources
- Assistant Vice President for Diversity & Intercultural Relations
- Assistant Dean for Intercultural Student Affairs
- Director of International Education Center
- Assistant Director for International Student Programs
- Cultural Events Coordinator (student leadership position)
- Institutional Diversity Committee

Curricular Resources
- World Languages & Cultures Academic Department
- Women’s & Gender Studies Minor
- U.S. Cultural Studies Minor
- Latin American Studies Minor
- Asian Studies Minor

Spokane Resources
- Community Events & Associations
  - Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity March
  - Unity in the Community
  - Spokane 7K Walk/Run
  - Hispanic Heritage Festival
  - Spokane International Film Festival
  - Spokane Falls Northwest Indian Pow Wow
  - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Spokane Branch
  - Hispanic Business Professional Association of Spokane (HBPRA)

Local Cuisine
- De Leon Foods Deli & Grocery Store (Authentic Mexican foods)
- Asian World Food Market
- Masala Hut (Indian cuisine)
- Queen of Sheba (Ethiopian cuisine)
- Marshek Restaurant (Moroccan cuisine)
- Aloha Island Grill (Hawaiian cuisine)
- One Love (Vietnamese and Chinese cuisine)
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