

WELCOME TO SEATTLE

HOSTING 2017 WAGS CONFERENCE

MARCH 19-22, 2017

THEME: BEYOND BOUNDARIES: GRADUATE EDUCATION'S EXPANSIVE REACH



Seattle is surrounded by water, mountains and evergreen forests, and encompasses thousands of acres of parkland (hence its nickname, "Emerald City"). Home to a thriving tech industry, with Microsoft, and Amazon headquartered in its metropolitan area, Seattle also has a rich and diverse arts scene. The Seattle Art Museum is within walking distance of the conference hotel, as is Benaroya Hall, home of the Seattle Symphony. The Experience Music Project Museum and Dimitrious Jazz Alley are quick cab rides away. And of course, the futuristic Space Needle, a legacy of the 1962 World's Fair, is the city's most recognizable landmark. You will have plenty to see in Seattle – welcome and enjoy your stay.

Once you arrive at Seattle-Tacoma Airport (Sea-Tac), board the Link Light Rail to Seattle - \$2.75 for 35-minute ride. Exit at the Westlake Station Bay A – Pine Street (Third, Fourth and Fifth Avenues). Walk a short distance southwest on Westlake. Turn left on Fifth Avenue, and walk one block to The Motif Hotel. Details about light rail are available at soundtransit.org.

A taxi ride from the airport costs \$30-\$50, depending on the number of passengers and driver for the 30-40-minute ride.

THE CONFERENCE HOTEL



The Motif Hotel is a four-minute walk from the Washington State Convention Center. This sleek downtown hotel, peppered with vibrant colors, is a nine-minute stroll from Pike Place Market and just under a mile from Pioneer Square Park. Amenities include a fifth floor restaurant and bar with a patio, a terrace and several meeting spaces.

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Graduate education's expansive reach speaks to connections across and increasingly beyond the academy to a diverse set of communities and partners. Graduate education contributes to new ideas and new ways of doing things.

- Enhancing and supporting interdisciplinary research
- Exploring new credentialing for graduate students
- Creating pathways for international dual/joint degrees and certificates
- Continuing ongoing efforts to broaden graduate education and postdoc career paths
- Partnering with industry and government for economic development
- Assessing the impact of graduate education
- Contributing to creative industries
- Fostering innovation hubs
- Promoting indigenous knowledges
- Enabling social incubators
- Undertaking community research