

Graduate Diversity Office Newsletter

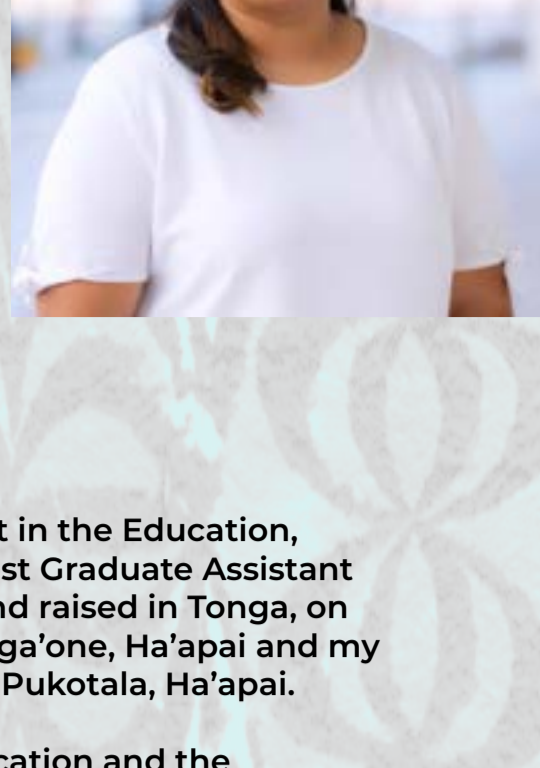
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Graduate Student Highlight

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Malo 'e lelei!

My name is Pele Neiufi, a first year Ph.D. student in the Education, Culture & Society (ECS) program, and your newest Graduate Assistant with the Graduate Diversity Office. I was born and raised in Tonga, on the tiny island of 'Eua. My mother is from Mo'unga'one, Ha'apai and my Father is from the villages of Neiafu, Vava'u and Pukotala, Ha'apai.

Being raised in Tonga, I have always valued education and the opportunity it presents. I have been away from academia for over 10 years but my intention of coming back and pursuing a doctoral degree is to prove to the youth and adult learners in my community, that you can achieve the highest degree in education by working hard and being purposeful in your endeavors! One of the advantages of being a first year Ph.D. student is that you still have time to figure out what you're interested in researching before you commit to it. I am still exploring areas of interest such as Pacific Islander education in Tongan households, entrepreneurship & education, remittances and informal economies and hope to find connections within these areas that I can write about.

Scholarships & Opportunities

Scan the QR code on the right to find

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

and more opportunities for you!



American Association of University Women's (AAUW) fellowship programs for current graduate students. They have the [American Dissertation Fellowship](#) and the [International Fellowship](#). These awards are open to women, including individuals who identify as women. **Domestic and international women** are eligible for these awards, and there are no disciplinary restrictions; however, there are various nuances between the different fellowship programs, which I'll outline below. Please share this information with your program faculty and your eligible students.

AAUW American Dissertation Fellowship:

- Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents
- Award year (AY25) must be the final year of writing and the student must be on track for degree completion between April 1 and June 30, 2025
- Preliminary/qualifying exams must be completed and dissertation research plans must be approved no later than November 1, 2023
- Intended for applicants completing their first doctoral degree
- Intended for applicants in research doctoral programs – namely PhDs – rather than professional doctoral programs
- Open to applicants in all fields of study. Scholars engaged in science, technology, engineering, and math fields or those researching gender issues are especially encouraged to apply
- **Dissertation Fellowship amount: \$25,000**
- **Deadline: November 15, 2023**
- For more information, including re eligibility, regulations, and application requirements, visit: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/american/>

AAUW International Fellowship (Master's/First-Professional Degree Fellowship & Doctoral Fellowship):

- Applicants must have citizenship in a country other than the US or have a non-immigrant visa to study in the US
- Applicants must have the intention of venturing themselves to full-time academic study during the award year (AY25) and must intend to return to their home country to pursue a professional career upon completion of their studies
- Master's and first-professional degree fellowships include professional master's and doctorates, such as MD, DDS, JD, DPT, MBA, MArch, MFA, etc.; certificate programs not eligible
- Doctoral fellowships are intended for doctoral degrees classified as research degrees, such as PhD and EdD, and do not include professional doctorates (DDS, MD, JD, etc., would be eligible for the Master's/First Professional Degree Fellowship)
- Students will be required to provide proof of English proficiency in their application
- **Master's/First-Professional Fellowship amount: \$20,000**
- **Doctoral Fellowship amount: \$25,000**
- **Deadline: November 15, 2023**
- For more information, including re eligibility, regulations, and application requirements, visit: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/current-opportunities/international/>

Important links:

- AAUW fellowships/grants information: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/>
- Application portal (open until November 15): <https://aauw.applylists.net/Account/LogOn?ReturnUrl=%2faauw-af>
- AAUW funding tips for getting funding: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/tips-for-getting-funding/>
- AAUW contact for tech support: aauw@applylists.com

The **Point Foundation, an LGBTQ scholarship and student advocacy organization**, has just opened their application for their Spring 2024 BIPOC Scholarship. This is a modest award – up to \$1,500 - but is a superb, nationally-competitive opportunity that provides some immediate funding. A couple key notes:

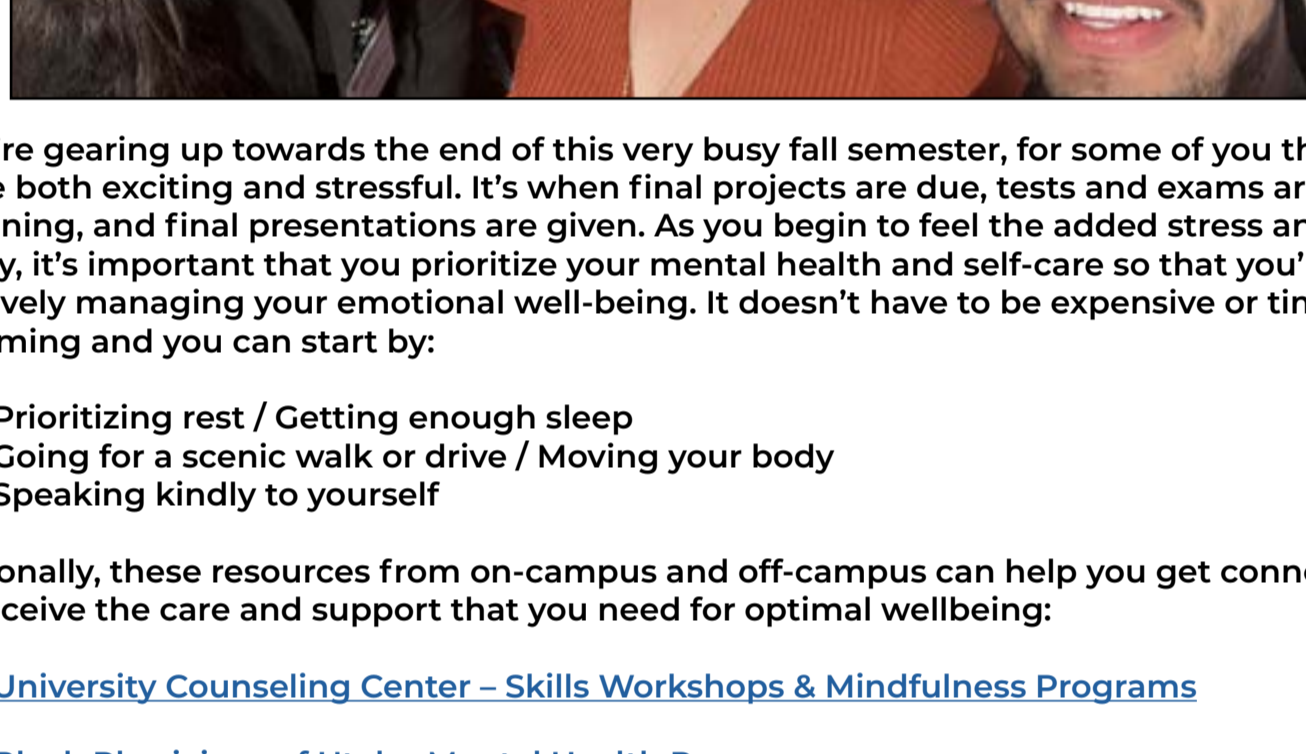
- This is open to graduate students, no hard restrictions on discipline or grad program type (master's, first-professional, doctorate)
- Students must identify as Black, Indigenous, or person of color (BIPOC) and LGBTQ
 - Re the LGBTQ requirement, the student must identify as "out"
 - Financial need is taken into consideration, but isn't a hard requirement
 - No citizenship restrictions, international students should be eligible to apply

The application opened a few days ago and will close on October 19, 10am MST. More information, including the link to the application portal where students set up an account/profile to apply, can be found on Point's website: <https://pointfoundation.org/scholarships/bipoc>.

If students have any questions, they can reach out to me at fellowships@gradschool.utah.edu or the Point Foundation at applications@pointfoundation.org.

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Mental Health Spotlight



As we're gearing up towards the end of this very busy fall semester, for some of you this can be both exciting and stressful. It's when final projects are due, tests and exams are happening, and final presentations are given. As you begin to feel the added stress and anxiety, it's important that you prioritize your mental health and self-care so that you're effectively managing your emotional well-being. It doesn't have to be expensive or time consuming and you can start by:

- Prioritizing rest / Getting enough sleep
- Going for a scenic walk or drive / Moving your body
- Speaking kindly to yourself

Additionally, these resources from on-campus and off-campus can help you get connected and receive the care and support that you need for optimal wellbeing:

- [University Counseling Center – Skills Workshops & Mindfulness Programs](#)
- [Black Physicians of Utah - Mental Health Resources](#)
- [Utah Community Mental Health Clinic](#)
- [SafeUT](#)
- [Center for Campus Wellness](#)

Upcoming Events

BIPOC Monthly Social

The aims of the group are to provide opportunities for BIPOC graduate students to (1) gather in an inclusive intersectional space dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging; (2) facilitate conversations on mental health, and wellness and connect students to culturally relevant university and community services; (3) provide opportunities for students to network in a community of peers and; (3) improve access to leadership and fellowship opportunities. There is dedicated time during each meeting for students to eat, socialize and be in community with each other.



BIPOC Monthly Social
October RSVP



GRADUATE SCHOOL DIVERSITY OFFICE
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

BIPOC MONTHLY SOCIAL

Join us for our monthly gathering. Discover the therapeutic power of creativity and unleash your inner artist!

OCTOBER 30, 2023

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

**MARRIOTT LIBRARY
GOULD AUDITORIUM,
ROOM 1701**

THEME: FALL SOCIAL!



RSVP HERE

