



Grand Challenges for Social Work

Get Involved. Be Part of Something Bigger.

Here are some ways to get started.

The Grand Challenges for Social Work provides a unique framework for collaboration among a variety of individuals and organizations—within the field of social work and beyond—to address our society's toughest social problems. By working together in creative new ways we have the power to bring greater visibility to these critical issues, to build new knowledge, and to translate that knowledge into the practice and policy efforts that are essential to driving real, lasting, and transformative social change. Join us and be a part of this history in the making!

There are many ways to connect with GCSW!

- LinkedIn
- Facebook: @GCSocialWork
- Twitter: @GCSocialWork

- **#Up4theChallenge:** Use the hashtag in social media posts
- Newsletter & email updates: Sign up on the website!



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Deans & Directors

- Host/sponsor a Grand Challenges conference or symposium
- Develop a fellowship/scholarship program related to one or more GCs
- Offer courses/conduct curriculum change to reflect the GCs

- Identify & promote GC-related field education sites
- Offer a GC speaker series
- Establish awards to recognize faculty & students for GC-related teaching and research

- Connect your research to GCs in manuscripts, posters, presentations & grant proposals
- Support the GCSW by becoming a Sustaining Sponsor

Practitioners, Advocates & Policymakers

- Connect with social work researchers doing Grand Challenge-focused, cutting edge science related to your work, organization, coalition or initiative
- Engage with schools of social work, community members, & policymakers to host a policy briefing, evidence-based practice seminar, community symposia or other meeting/event related to a GC

- Lead a Practice-Based Research Network related to one or more GC areas
- Host a 'Grand Challenge Day' highlighting practitioners & organizations working on GC issues
- Apply to host undergraduate & graduate internships in GC-specific areas

Students

- Find new collaborators in groups or activities connected to one or more Grand Challenges
- Participate in one or more GC networks
- Host an #Up4theChallenge event on your campus or in your class

- Build a coalition centered on one or more GC
- Post information about your or others' GC-related work on social media using #Up4theChallenge
- Create your own GC discussion group or brown bag lunch series

Faculty Members & Researchers

- Lead or participate in a Grand Challenges network
- Incorporate GC information into your courses

- Join **Prof2Prof.com** & upload your GC-related course syllabi & teaching materials
- Connect your research to a GC in manuscripts, posters, presentations & grant proposals

- Establish Practice-Based Research Networks around GCs
- Join & collaborate with SSWR Special Interest Groups on GCs

Funders

- Encourage grantees to link their work to a specific Grand Challenge
- Support existing GC work through a direct contribution

- Create a new funding program for GC-related projects or collaborations