The Diversity Committee’s mission is to facilitate and maintain the Department’s commitment to diversity in research, teaching, and service.

This includes five specific functions:

1) serving as a forum for diversity-related issues; 2) working to develop, establish, and maintain policies to increase minority and underrepresented populations representation in psychology; 3) promoting the teaching and understanding of diversity; 4) providing expertise for and promoting research that seeks to understand the meaning of diversity or particular phenomena across cultural groups, and 5) serving as a support system for minority and underrepresented students and faculty in the Department. The Diversity Committee consists of three faculty members and an open number of graduate student representatives.

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Diversity Breakfast
Diversity Poster/Presentation Session
High School Outreach
Safe Zone Training
Speakers + Panels

DEPARTMENTAL DIVERSITY-RELATED FUNDING/PROGRAMS

Clayton Award for Research on Underrepresented Populations
Hiatt Graduate Student Scholarships
University Teaching Assistantship
Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)

UNIVERSITY STUDENT GROUPS

American Asian Student Association
Black Student Union
Gay and Lesbian Law Alliance
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Inter-Tribal Student Association
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano/a de Aztlán
Pacific Islander Student Association
Queer Student Union
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
U Swerve
Utah Student Hillel
Venceremos
Vietnamese American Student Association
Voices of Diversity

UNIVERSITY RESOURCE CENTERS

Center for Disability Services
Center for Ethnic Student Affairs
ASUU Diversity Board
Women’s Resource Center
LGBT Resource Center
LEAP
University Counseling Center
The Department of Psychology has a long history of commitment to diversity.

1) In 1967, the Diversity Committee was established as a formal organization in the Department to promote minority issues and minority recruitment.

2) In 1992, the Department created the Summer Research Opportunities Program (SRP) to provide research experience and professional development training to underrepresented students in psychology.

3) In 1998, the Department of Psychology was honored with a University of Utah Diversity Award in recognition of the Department’s "leadership and commitment to enhance diversity and expand opportunities for students, faculty, and staff."

4) In 2008-2009 school year, the Psychology Department was named the Ally Department of the Year by the LGBT Resource Center for our ongoing support of the center. The LGBT Resource Center provides educational and social programs, support services, and resources for LGBT students, staff, faculty, alumni and the entire campus community at the University of Utah.

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