

2025 College of Built Environments Celebration FAQs

The College of Built Environments (CBE) Celebration honors graduates from all CBE departments and interdisciplinary programs—doctoral, graduate, and undergraduate. This event is separate from the [UW Commencement](#).

How do I RSVP for the CBE Celebration?

Graduates are required to [fill out the RSVP form by Tuesday, May 27](#) to confirm their participation in the event.

Can I bring guests to the CBE Celebration?

Graduates are allowed to bring up to four (4) guests. Please be aware that seating is limited, and not all guests may have a seat. Some may need to stand. Doors will open at noon, and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Who is eligible to walk in the CBE Celebration?

This celebration honors graduates—doctoral, graduate, and undergraduate students—from our college departments and interdisciplinary programs. If you are unsure of your graduation eligibility, please consult with your [departmental adviser \(undergraduate\)](#) or the [Graduate School \(graduate/post-graduate\)](#). Students completing only certificates or minors within CBE are not eligible for recognition at this ceremony. Please consider attending your degree department's ceremony instead.

What happens at the CBE Graduation Celebration?

The CBE Graduation Celebration is an event hosted by the College of Built Environments to give individual recognition to each of our graduates. The Dean and a keynote speaker will make remarks. Graduates will walk across the stage and their names will be read as they are recognized. However, it is not an official "graduation ceremony," meaning diplomas will not be handed out, and degrees will not be conferred. For more information visit the uw.edu/graduation.

Can I attend both the UW Commencement and the CBE Graduation Celebration?

Yes! You are welcome to attend both events. These events complement each other and are not mutually exclusive. Please note that you must register for both events separately.

Where can I find information about the UW Commencement ceremony?

You can find details about the UW Commencement ceremony on the [UW Commencement webpage](#). You must register separately to attend the UW Commencement.

When will degrees be conferred? When will I get my diploma?

Degrees for all UW graduates from the **2024-2025** academic year will be conferred at the **UW Commencement on Saturday, June 14, 2025**. For more info about the UW Commencement, visit: uw.edu/graduation. For info about diplomas, visit: registrar.washington.edu/students/diplomas.

Students who complete all requirements to graduate will get an email confirming their official graduation status after the degree is granted. This email will have the subject "University of Washington Notification of Degree Posting: Next Steps." It will be sent from registra@uw.edu to your uw.edu email. If you do not receive this email, you have not graduated (even if you attend Commencement). Meet with your adviser to make sure you will meet all graduation requirements.

Do I have to wear a cap and gown for the CBE Celebration?

Regalia (cap and gown) is preferred but not required for the CBE Celebration. Find more info about ordering academic apparel on the UW Commencement website: uw.edu/graduation

What are the steps to graduate?

Undergraduate students must complete a graduation application with their [departmental adviser](#) and review the [UW Graduate checklist](#). Graduate and Postdoc students should check graduation requirements on the [Graduate School website](#) and review the [UW Graduate checklist](#). Be aware of graduation filing deadlines in the [Academic Calendar](#). If unsure about your status, consult your adviser.

How do faculty and staff order regalia?

Faculty and staff can obtain academic regalia through the [University Bookstore's Regalia Ordering Form](#). If you have any questions, please email faculty.regalia@ubookstore.com.

What if I didn't receive a confirmation email after ordering regalia?

If you did not receive a confirmation email after placing your order, please contact the UW Bookstore immediately to ensure that your order is properly processed.

Is there wheelchair seating available?

Yes, the Exhibition Hall is wheelchair accessible. There is designated seating for individuals with accessibility needs, plus one companion. Some aisle seating is also available for wheelchair guests. Please visit the information desk upon arrival for details on specific seating.

What should I do if I require special services?

If you require special services, please contact Seattle Center customer service at least ten (10) business days in advance at (206) 684-7200 to arrange for personal assistance.

Can I bring gifts for graduates?

There won't be any vendors selling flowers or gifts at the event. Food isn't allowed inside the Exhibition Hall, however, you are welcome to bring your own drinks, as it can get warm in the venue.

Will there be a reception after the celebration?

There is no reception after the celebration. Guests are encouraged to meet their graduates at the Founder's Plaza, located outside to the west of the hall.

Can I take photos during the celebration?

A professional photographer will capture images of each student as they receive their diploma. All professional photos will be available for free download after the ceremony. Please remain in your seat during the ceremony to ensure everyone has a great experience.

Will the celebration be recorded?

There will be no live-stream or recorded video of the celebration.

What time do the doors open?

The Exhibition Hall doors will open at 12:00 PM for the celebration.

Where is the celebration located?

The celebration will take place at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall, located at 301 Mercer Street, Seattle, WA 98109.

Where can I find more information about the Exhibition Hall?

You can visit the [Exhibition Hall Website](#) for details about the venue.

Is there a virtual tour of the Exhibition Hall available?

Yes, you can take a [Virtual Tour of the Exhibition Hall](#) to explore the space.

Where can I find a map of the Seattle Center campus?

The [Seattle Center Campus Map](#) is available online to help you navigate the area.

Who can I contact if I have questions? Please contact Meegan Amen at meegan@uw.edu.