



# Student Interest Group in Evaluation Year 1 Recap: 2017-2018

## MEMBERS

- 100% RMS doctoral students: 43% in applied statistics concentration
- Topical Interests: evaluation theory & design; applied domains for evaluation practice; methods, tools, & software; opportunities for practice and research including crosswalking evaluation jargon, evaluation journals, and learning manuscript formats (e.g., publishing, lessons learned, book reviews, dissertations, etc.); and career in evaluation (e.g., analyst (MA), internal evaluator, consultant, academic, etc.)

## MEETINGS

- Fall Quarter – October 25 & November 15
- Winter Quarter – January 25 & February 22
- Spring Quarter – March 8 & May 21

## GOALS

- Advance 3 existing goals from the 2016-2017 Business Plan (see highlights)
- Develop evaluation-oriented mailing list
- Establish student interest group and explore members' interests
  1. Create a shared space to learn from each other through peer presentations of current evaluation work
  2. Read and discuss contemporary literature from evaluation journals
  3. Consider how to develop a student-led research project

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Goal 1: Develop evaluation curriculum

- New applied course (Winter 2018) with service learning component
- Independent study on advanced evaluation theory developed

### Goal 2: Create capacity for experiential learning

- Built partnerships with [CCESL](#) and other DU evaluation units, including: [The Barton Institute for Philanthropy & Social Enterprise](#) | [The CO Evaluation & Action Lab \(CEAL\)](#) | [The Butler Institute for Families](#) | [Center for Oncology Psychology Excellence](#)
- Built partnerships for student internships with: [The Aurora Research Institute](#); Developing ones with Denver Public Health & CO Dept of Public Health & Environment
- Developed *REACH* as a collaboratory hub for student evaluation teamwork with [Campus Compact of the Mountain West](#) and the [DPS Urban Teaching Fellowship](#)
- Conducted 8 service learning projects with community organizations

### Goal 3: Implement evaluation-oriented programming

- Developed student interest group in evaluation (SIG-E)
- Hosted guest speaker on data visualization (Dr. Organisciak, LIS)
- Collaborated with evaluators in the Denver Metro Area to host [Evaluating Better Together](#)

Presented research on teaching evaluation at the University of Minnesota's [Working Conference to Chart the Future of Evaluation Education and Training](#)