



# UAW Local 4121

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UAW Local 4121, the union of 5,000 graduate and undergraduate Academic Student Employees and 1,000 Postdocs at the University of Washington, is in solidarity with workers at the University of Michigan -- including graduate workers with GEO 3550, residential staff, and dining employees -- who are striking to protect the health and safety of their colleagues and community at U-M.

GEO members are fighting for a safe and just campus community for all, particularly as COVID-19 and campus policing continue having disproportionate impacts on the health and safety of BIPOC and non-citizen students and community members at U-M. Their critical demands include: a decriminalized and disarmed campus, assurance that graduate workers -- including international students -- are able to work safely and remotely, repealing the international student fee, and more.

These fights resonate far beyond the University of Michigan alone. Here at the University of Washington, we've been fighting on the same fronts in recent years and months. The academic worker movement across the country is showing us in real time the power that we can generate together through mass collective action that builds on the gains of each other's struggles. Your fight is our fight.

We encourage all UW community members to make this movement more visible and support striking U-M workers. You can find a number of ways to support striking workers, including information for the GEO strike fund, here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/16udA1M-ykYJ\\_2cYQJ\\_h3IX1BsU7Ap2yIPvBSprZB9M/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/16udA1M-ykYJ_2cYQJ_h3IX1BsU7Ap2yIPvBSprZB9M/edit).

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