

GPSA  
Office of Professional Development  
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## 1 OVERVIEW

The professional development office and committee are off to a productive start. Two travel grant reviewer trainings were held in September, as was our first interdisciplinary social, which was a resounding success. At the time of this report, travel reviews were still being completed for the 116 applications submitted by the September 7<sup>th</sup> deadline. Details about programs and upcoming events are enclosed within.

## 2 TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

### 2.1 Travel Grant Reviewer Trainings

On September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, training workshops were held for new travel grant peer reviewers. Fifteen new reviewers were oriented to the program and will begin reviewing in October.

### 2.2 September 2011 Travel Funding

<i>Applications Received</i>		<i>% Total Apps Received</i>
Conference Travel Applications Received:	77	66%
Prof. Development Applications Received:	40	34%
<b>Total Apps Received:</b>	<b>117</b>	
<b>Total Funds Requested:</b>	<b>\$90,039</b>	

<i>Applications Funded</i>		<i>% Total Apps Funded</i>
Conference Travel Applications Funded	47	84%

Prof. Development Applications Funded	9	16%
<b>Total Funded:</b>	<b>51</b>	
<b>Total Funds Awarded:</b>	<b>\$38,817</b>	

<b>September 2011 Travel Applications by Campus</b>		
	Received	Funded
Downtown	10	5
Polytechnic	0	0
Tempe	106	51
West	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>56</b>

### **3 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR**

September 23<sup>rd</sup>      Travel Grant Program Info Session  
11:00a.m. -1:00p.m.  
ASU West Graduate Student Center (FAB Room N174)

September 30<sup>th</sup>      Travel Grant Program Info Session  
11:00a.m. -1:00p.m.  
ASU Downtown Graduate Student Center (Post Office 208 and 208A)  
and  
ASU Poly Graduate Student Center (Administration Bldg. Room 130)

October 12<sup>th</sup>      PD Seminar: Salary Negotiations for Academic Jobs  
10:00-11:30a.m.  
Post Office Conference Room 120  
ASU Downtown Campus

December 2<sup>nd</sup> (tent.) Graduate Research Support Program Award Reception

December 9<sup>th</sup> (tent.) Winter Interdisciplinary Social

March 30<sup>th</sup> Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Picnic

Student Services Lawn

ASU Tempe Campus

Grad College Events: <http://graduate.asu.edu/sfs>.

# Outstanding Mentor Award Program

Recognizing graduate student mentors

**Overview.** GPSA is pleased to recognize and promote volunteer mentorship by acknowledging outstanding mentors. The Outstanding Mentor Award program, administered by the GPSA Office of Professional Development, recognizes graduate and professional students from all four ASU campuses who demonstrate excellence in mentorship.

**Eligibility.** Individuals are eligible to be nominated if enrolled in at least one hour of graduate-level credit during the semester in which the award program takes place. Qualifying mentoring includes work with undergraduate students, graduate students, and/or community members, completed on a volunteer (i.e., unpaid) basis and concurrent with enrollment as a graduate or professional student at ASU. Mentoring through formal programs (e.g., Shades, Big Brothers/Big Sisters) qualifies, as does independent mentoring. Mentoring that is financially compensated or a requirement of a paid assistantship or other employment is ineligible for this award.

**Nominations.** Nominations will be accepted from *mentees* who are undergraduate students, graduate students, and community members. Nominations will also be accepted from *organizers* of ASU and/or community-based mentoring programs. Self-nominations are not accepted for this program.

**Timeline/Selection.** Nominations will be solicited annually during the Spring semester. Students will be notified of their nomination and asked to submit application materials. The Outstanding Mentor Award sub-committee is responsible for evaluating nominations and applications and selecting awardees. The sub-committee is comprised of members of the Professional Development Committee of the GPSA Assembly, other graduate student volunteers, and invited ASU faculty and administrators. Recipients will be selected in March or early April. Recipients will be recognized at an annual reception held during the Spring semester and will receive a small monetary award.

**More information and due dates will be available on the GPSA website (<http://gpsa.asu.edu>) under “Outstanding Mentor Award Program.”**