

GPSA
Office of Professional Development
Report to the Assembly
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1 WELCOME AND OBJECTIVES

I am looking forward to a fantastic year in the GPSA Professional Development (PD) office. It is my pleasure to relay that Jen Marmo will again lend her expertise to the PD office in a second term as Director of Events and Professional Development Programming. I want to wish a warm welcome to all new Assembly Members and a warm welcome *back* to those returning. I look forward to working with many of you – via the PD committee and otherwise - in the coming months.

The primary objectives of the PD office/committee for 2011-2012 are:

- 1) to sustain the monthly travel grant competition (in collaboration with the Internal Affairs office), including recruiting and training reviewers, reviewing monthly submissions, and making a concerted effort to increase the utilization of this program by students at non-Tempe campuses;
- 2) to support interdisciplinary networking and connectedness through regular social events, including the hallmark event in March, the Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Picnic;
- 3) to coordinate professional development programming (in supplement to that offered by the ASU Graduate College) in the form of workshops and seminars tailored to graduate student needs;
- 4) to collaborate with University departments who are also concerned with the professional development/personal wellness of graduate students (e.g., ASU family resources, ASU Alumni Association); and
- 5) to launch the new Outstanding Mentor Award Program (see attached flyer).

The input and feedback of the Assembly on these and other objectives is welcomed. I invite you to speak with me or any PD committee-member about potential PD initiatives.

2 TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

2.1 May 2011 Travel Funding

<i>Applications Received</i>		<i>% Total Apps Received</i>
Conference Travel Applications Received:	35	60%
Prof. Development Applications Received:	23	40%
Total Apps Received:	58	
Total Funds Requested:	\$42,807	

<i>Applications Funded</i>		<i>% Total Apps Funded</i>
Conference Travel Applications Funded	26	58%
Prof. Development Applications Funded	19	42%
Total Funded:	45	
Total Funds Awarded:	\$35,984	

May 2011 Travel Applications by Campus		
	Received	Funded
Downtown	4	
Polytechnic	2	
Tempe	52	
West	0	
Total	58	

2.2 June 2011 Travel Funding

<i>Applications Received</i>		<i>% Total Apps Received</i>
Conference Travel Applications Received:	49	64%

Prof. Development Applications Received: 28 36%

Total Apps Received: 77

Total Funds Requested: \$63,390

Applications Funded *% Total Apps Funded*

Conference Travel Applications Funded 22 71%

Prof. Development Applications Funded 11 29%

Total Funded: 17

Total Funds Awarded: \$12,763

June 2011 Travel Applications by Campus		
	Received	Funded
Downtown	5	0
Polytechnic	1	0
Tempe	70	17
West	1	0
Total	77	17

2.3 July 2011 Travel Funding

Applications Received *% Total Apps Received*

Conference Travel Applications Received: 38 66%

Prof. Development Applications Received: 20 34%

Total Apps Received: 58

Total Funds Requested: \$43,218

Applications Funded *% Total Apps Funded*

Conference Travel Applications Funded	32	70%
Prof. Development Applications Funded	14	30%
Total Funded:	46	
Total Funds Awarded:	\$28,588	

July 2011 Travel Applications by Campus		
	Received	Funded
Downtown	3	2
Polytechnic	1	1
Tempe	54	43
West	0	0
Total	58	46

2.4 August 2011 Travel Funding

<i>Applications Received</i>		<i>% Total Apps Received</i>
Conference Travel Applications Received:	25	74%
Prof. Development Applications Received:	9	26%
Total Apps Received:	34	
Total Funds Requested:	\$27,552	

<i>Applications Funded</i>		<i>% Total Apps Funded</i>
Conference Travel Applications Funded	14	74%
Prof. Development Applications Funded	5	26%
Total Funded:	19	
Total Funds Awarded:	\$14,932	

August 2011 Travel Applications by Campus		
	Received	Funded
Downtown	2	0
Polytechnic	0	0
Tempe	31	18
West	1	1
Total	34	19

3 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

September 12th Travel Grant Reviewer Training 5:30-7:00p.m.

September 13th Travel Grant Reviewer Training 5:30-7:00p.m.

September 16th Welcome Back Social 4:00-6:00p.m.

Hula's Modern Tiki Bar

4700 North Central Avenue

Downtown Phoenix, AZ

October (TBD) PD Seminar: Salary Negotiations for Academic Jobs

December 2nd (tent.) Graduate Research Support Program

Award Reception

December 9th (tent.) Winter Interdisciplinary Social

March 30th Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Picnic

Student Services Lawn

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.”