

Arizona State University  
Graduate & Professional Student Association  
Office of Internal Affairs

Executive Report

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**Graduate Student Survey**

Many thanks to Rhian Stotts, VP of External Affairs, for her efforts in helping to get the first annual Graduate Student Survey implemented. The survey is intended to help GPSA plan its programs and initiatives by soliciting detailed feedback from all graduate students on topics such as financial support, housing, health insurance, interdisciplinary research activity, work/life balance, utilization of campus resources, commuting, outreach, and advocacy/representation. Respondents will have the opportunity to provide an email address if they wish to enter a drawing for numerous awards (e.g., iPod shuffles). A soft roll-out is planned for this week via GRADSTU, facebook, and Twitter and will be marketed more heavily in the coming weeks with further details on giveaways.

Please take the survey and send it to your constituents!

[www.asu.edu/gpsa/survey/](http://www.asu.edu/gpsa/survey/)

**Outreach at Other Campuses**

The IA office is committed to increased outreach to all of ASU campuses this year, to promote greater involvement and participation in our programs. Information sessions and other efforts are currently being organized to fulfill this aim. Your comments and ideas are welcomed: [internal.affairsVP@asu.edu](mailto:internal.affairsVP@asu.edu) and [GPSAresearch@asu.edu](mailto:GPSAresearch@asu.edu).

**Peer Review**

Earlier this month a Call for Reviewers was sent to the GRADSTU listserv and within just three days, approximately 350 graduate students volunteered to serve as peer reviewers for this year's IA programs, in addition to our existing body of reviewers. For now, we are no longer accepting peer reviewer applications. If needed, another call will be sent out later in the year.

New peer reviewers are being added to the Peer Reviewer Training organization on Blackboard, where updates on upcoming review opportunities will be posted as they come available throughout the year. Last week, a glitch with Bb 9.1 resulted in a flurry of old announcements from the previous year being emailed to new reviewers. We apologize for any inconvenience and encourage new reviewers to disregard the messages. Details and instructions for upcoming reviews will be released in the next week or two.

**The Graduate Research Support Program (GRSP)**

I am pleased to announce that the IA again will be administering the research grant competition this year, known formally as GRSP. This program is supported by the Graduate College and the Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Affairs (OVPREA) at \$110,000. Any current ASU graduate student may apply for up to \$2,000 for terminal dissertation/thesis projects and up to \$750 for other, independent projects. There is a Media/Fine Arts track to the application as well as an Empirical Research track. This program is held once annually and applications are currently being accepted until October 6, 2011, at 5pm MST. See website for details and instructions.

**JumpStart Research Grant (JS)**

Our smaller research grant is held in the Fall and Spring semesters and allows any current ASU graduate student to apply for up to \$500 to get their dissertation/thesis off the ground, start new projects, and fund pilot studies. Applications are being accepted now until November 17, 2011, at 5pm MST. The

competition will re-open for a second round in January. The guidelines and restrictions for this program are different from GRSP. See website for further details and instructions.

**Teaching Excellence Awards (TEA)**

TEA recognizes outstanding graduate student instructors at ASU. Undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty may nominate any graduate student instructor who currently holds a consistent teaching schedule at ASU. Nominations are being accepted now through September 15<sup>th</sup>. This year our Director of Graduate Research, Erin Kube, reached out to ASU undergraduates at the Passport to ASU event with a clever marketing strategy designed by our Executive Director, Megan Fisk, aimed at increasing undergraduate awareness of the program. The nominees will be invited to submit a teaching portfolio and will be evaluated by a peer review committee who will observe classrooms live. A second round of nominations and reviews will be conducted in the Spring, and the annual awards will be given in late Spring. Please help spread the word about this program before the 9/15 nomination deadline has passed.

**Travel Grant**

The IA office is continuing to co-administer the Travel Grant along with the Office of Professional Development this year. Over \$320,000 will be distributed to ASU graduate students for their travel to conferences and professional development activities. Applications are accepted each month until the 7th at 5pm MST. Program guidelines are identical to last year. Please see the website for full details and instructions.

*June Submissions*

	Apps Received	Apps Funded
Total Applications	77	17
	\$63,390	\$12,763
Conference Presentation Apps	49 (64%)	22 (71%)
Professional Dev't Apps	28 (36%)	11 (29%)
Downtown campus	5	0
Polytechnic campus	1	0
Tempe campus	70	17
West campus	1	0

*July Submissions*

	Apps Received	Apps Funded
Total Applications	58	46
	\$43,218	\$28,588
Conference Presentation Apps	38 (66%)	32 (70%)
Professional Dev't Apps	20 (34%)	14 (30%)
Downtown campus	3	2
Polytechnic campus	1	1
Tempe campus	54	43
West campus	0	0

*August Submissions*

	Apps Received	Apps Funded
Total Applications	34	19
	\$27,552	\$14,932
Conference Presentation Apps	25 (74%)	14 (74%)
Professional Dev't Apps	9 (26%)	5 (26%)
Downtown campus	2	0
Polytechnic campus	0	0
Tempe campus	31	18
West campus	1	1

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and successful year,

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