

GPSA
Office of Professional Development
Report to the Assembly
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1 NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP

The professional development office hosted its 3rd annual workshop on Negotiation for Graduate and Professional Students on the Job Market. President's professor and negotiation expert Dr. Jess Alberts presented to about 30 graduate and professional students in attendance. This was our first-ever workshop held at the Downtown campus, and is part of overarching objective of increasing non-Tempe students' access to GPSA resources, following the One University-Many Places model.

2 TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

On September 23rd and 30th, PD committee members hosted informal travel information centers at the Downtown, Polytechnic, and West campuses. Unfortunately, these events were minimally attended. The PD committee is currently discussing alternate ways to make other campuses aware of our resources.

2.1 October 2011 Travel Funding

<i>Applications Received</i>		<i>% Total Apps Received</i>
Conference Travel Applications Received:	90	71%
Prof. Development Applications Received:	36	29%
Total Apps Received:	126	
Total Funds Requested:	\$100,284	

<i>Applications Funded</i>		<i>% Total Apps Funded</i>
Conference Travel Applications Funded	46	77%
Prof. Development Applications Funded	13	22%
Total Funded:	59	

Total Funds Awarded:

\$37,800

September 2011 Travel Applications by Campus		
	Received	Funded
Downtown	7	3
Polytechnic	0	0
Tempe	119	56
West	0	0
Total	126	59

3 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

November 18th Graduate Research Support Program Award Reception

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tempe Mission Palms

60 East 5th Street Tempe, AZ 85281

December 9th (tent.) Winter Interdisciplinary Social

March 30th 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.”