

GPSA
Office of Professional Development
Report to the Assembly
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1 TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

The professional development office is assisting Director of IT Andre Denham in developing a survey to assess graduate student technology needs. This is in response to a university proposed increase to the technology fee from \$50 to \$100 per semester. Andre has been working with the university Technology Advisory Board and believes that if the fee increase does take effect, GPSA should be able to leverage the increase to address unmet technology needs.

If you have ideas about technology needs, or ideas for the Tech Survey, please contact both Andre at adenham@asu.edu and Kendra and kendra.knight@asu.edu.

2 \$tart \$mart NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP

The professional development office is working on launching a program to promote collaboration between undergraduate and graduate students while at the same time tackling two key issues in the professional development realm: salary negotiation and a gender wage gap. In collaboration with the American Association for University Women and the W.A.G.E. project, the VPPD is planning to co-host a Start Smart Negotiation workshop in the Spring 2012 semester. The event will be a directed workshop on salary negotiation skills for both graduates and undergraduates, and will offer select graduate students an opportunity to become trained as facilitators in the program.

More details about the event and a call for facilitator applications will be forthcoming.

3 GRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM AWARD RECEPTION

The professional development office, in collaboration with the internal affairs office, is hosting the award reception for the 2011 recipients of the Graduate Research Support Program. As is tradition, the event is held at the Mission Palms. All assembly members and their guests are encouraged to attend.

The event takes place following the assembly meeting on Friday, November 18th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Full details are listed below in the calendar.

4 TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM UPDATE

The November travel cycle is in progress. Funding numbers will be provided in the December report.

5 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 Winter Interdisciplinary Social
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Aloft Hotel
951 Playa del Norte Drive Tempe, AZ 85281
- 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.”