

GPSA
Office of Professional Development
Report to the Assembly
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1 HAPPY END OF SEMESTER AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TOO

Congratulations on completing the Fall 2011 term. I wish you all a happy holiday season and a restful winter break.

2 TECHNOLOGY SURVEY UPDATE

The technology survey is being drafted. Feedback is still being accepted to kendra.knight@asu.edu. The survey will launch at the beginning of the Spring semester with some incentive program.

3 LAUNCH OF THE OUTSTANDING MENTOR AWARD PROGRAM

The call for nominations for the Outstanding Mentor Award Program will be released in January. The program will culminate in a reception held jointly with the Teaching Excellence Award program. Dates and details will be forthcoming.

4 GRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM AWARD RECEPTION

The professional development office, in collaboration with the internal affairs office, hosted the award reception for the 2011 recipients of the Graduate Research Support Program. Tyler Barratt and Erin Kube served as onsite hosts; Kendra was traveling. Thanks to all who helped coordinate the event and attended to support outstanding graduate student researchers.

4.1 November 2011 Travel Funding

<i>Applications Received</i>		<i>% Total Apps Received</i>
Conference Travel Applications Received:	27	71%
Prof. Development Applications Received:	11	29%
Total Apps Received:	38	

Total Funds Requested: \$30,297

Applications Funded % *Total Apps Funded*

Conference Travel Applications Funded 9 60%

Prof. Development Applications Funded 4 40%

Total Funded: 15

Total Funds Awarded: \$11,418

5 December 2011 Travel Funding

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

6 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

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

March TBA \$tart \$mart Negotiation Workshop

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.”