



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

**Executive Report**  
 December 2011

**JumpStart Research Grant (JS)**

Reviews are in and awards will be announced in the next week or two. This 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. The competition will re-open for a second round in January. The guidelines and restrictions for this program are different from GRSP. See the GPSA website for further details and instructions.

**Teaching Excellence Awards (TEA)**

Tell your constituents to nominate other graduate student instructors and/or direct undergraduates to nominate their instructors next semester. The Spring cycle will begin in January; new nominations will be accepted and nominees will be invited to submit teaching portfolios and observation times. Reviews from Fall and Spring are then compiled and winners of the annual award are selected toward the end of the Spring semester and honored at an invitation-only luncheon at the University Club.

**Travel Grant**

So far this year, GPSA has received over 450 applications totaling over \$350,000 in travel grant requests. We have spent roughly half of our budgeted \$320,900 (including Summer 2011).

*November Submissions*

	Apps Received	Apps Funded
Total Applications	38	15
	\$30,297	\$11,418
Conference Presentation Apps	27 (71%)	9 (60%)
Professional Dev't Apps	11 (29%)	4 (40%)
Downtown campus	5	1
Polytechnic campus	1	0
Tempe campus	31	13
West campus	1	1

**Graduate College Meetings**

In a meeting with Dr. Rund, Dean Allison, and Dr. Webber on November 30, President Stewart and I discussed a number of graduate student issues, including: RA/TA stipend discrepancies; the format of graduate commencement; ombudspersons for graduate student issues; program fees and program disestablishments. Drs. Rund, Allison, and Webber were generally supportive of our position on these issues (see Policy Directive). Some discussion also took place on how to better facilitate communication between individual college administrators and graduate students via assembly members.

Please send along issues that you would like brought up at our next meeting, expected to be held in the early Spring.

*Thank you to everyone for their dedication and hard work on the behalf of graduate students at ASU this semester. A safe and happy holiday season to all—*

Tyler Barratt, M.Ed.  
Vice President of Internal Affairs  
ASU Graduate & Professional Student Association