UCSC Graduate Student Association

What is the Graduate Student Association?
The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is the official organization that advocates for the individual and collective needs of graduate students at UCSC. The GSA is organized by an Executive Board elected each spring, and has at least one student representative from all departments that offer graduate degrees. All graduate students are invited to our regular general meetings to learn about GSA activities, discuss issues facing graduate students concerns, or ask questions. The GSA is funded by graduate student fees ($10 per quarter per student) and university registration fees. The GSA is separate from the Graduate Student Commons (GSC), UAW 2865 (the union representing TA’s, tutors, and readers), and the Student Union Assembly (undergraduate student government), but we work closely with these groups.

What can the GSA do for YOU?
- Advocate for graduate students needs to UCSC administrators including the Chancellor, Campus Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, and Vice Provost and Dean of the Division of Graduate Studies; UC administrators such as UCOP and UC President; and local and state governments
- Place and support graduate student representatives on important UCSC and UC-systemwide committees and task forces
- Share information from UCSC and UC administrators with graduate students
- Meet as a Council regularly to discuss graduate student needs and formulate “asks” for administrators
- Provide travel grants (up to $500) to grad students
- Fund graduate student events
- Organize to support people of color, queer and gender non-conforming, disabled, and other historically marginalized graduate students through Solidarity Committee
- Organize to support international graduate students through the International Committee

When are the GSA general meetings?
First and third Wednesdays of each month, 5-7 pm, in the Graduate Student Commons:
    Fall Quarter Dates: October 5, October 19, November 2, November 16, December 7

What is a department representative?
Department reps are the voice of their departments at the GSA and are voting members of the GSA Council. Department representatives also serve on GSA committees, and campus-wide committees and task forces. Department representatives are nominated and approved by individual departments and sworn in by the GSA council for a year-long term. Reps are paid a quarterly stipend for attending Council meetings, and an additional stipend for committee service.

Tasks of a GSA department representative include:
- Attending Council meetings regularly
- Gathering input from graduates in your department about issues the GSA Council is discussing and voting on
- Sharing information from the GSA with graduates in your department
- Serving on a GSA committee (such as the travel grant committee or the solidarity committee) and/or as a graduate student representative on a campus or systemwide committee

Does your department have a voice on the Council? Come to a GSA meeting or visit the GSA website to see if your department has a representative.

**What committees do reps serve on?**
Important campus wide committees that graduate student reps serve on include:

- **Graduate Council (GC)**
- **Housing Rates, Recharges, and Fees**
- **UCSHIP (Graduate Health Care)**
- **Committee on Research (COR)**
- **Campus Judicial Board**
- **Sustainability and Climate Change**
- **Environmental Health and Safety Facility**
- **Committee on International Education (CIE)**

**GSA committees:**
- Travel Grants Committee - travelgrants@ucsc.edu
- Solidarity Committee - kcativo@ucsc.edu or joalflor@ucsc.edu
- International Committee - igsc@ucsc.edu

**Contact the GSA**

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