

# GPSA 2019-2020 PRIORITIES

## MISSION

To create a supportive educational community that facilitates our personal and professional growth so we can continue making ASU, our community, and the world a better place.

## VISION

*GPSA gives voice to graduate and professional students across ASU to promote success, inclusion, and vitality among the diverse communities we represent and serve. We seek to foster and empower the next generation of academic and professional leaders through professional development, advocacy, and service opportunities.*

## GOALS

Support **diversity and inclusion** within the graduate community

Empower graduate students to **advocate for themselves**

Create and **enhance governmental structures** to streamline support to graduate and professional students

Support **holistic wellness** for all graduate students

Work towards **financial well-being** for graduate students

## OBJECTIVES

- Connect students with existing resources on campus to support our diverse student body
- Support international students in their professional development
- Bring greater unity across the four campuses
- Increase the services and resources that are tailored specifically to Masters' students
- Increase support for graduate student parents

- Improve the relationship with state legislatures
- Improve relationships between graduate students and faculty mentors

- Improve the transparency of GPSA
- Increase transparency of the elections process
- Increase the proportion of awarded-to-distributed funds for travel grants
- Collaborate with other departments within and outside of ASU
- Increase cross-collaboration with NAU and UofA

- Increase awareness of available resources for mental health
- Encourage students to utilize resources for their social, physical, and mental wellness

- Increase the financial security of the graduate community

# STRATEGIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Host a graduate students' of color mixer and the graduate women's leadership mixer</li><li>• Increase the number of companies that hire international students at the career fair</li><li>• Partner with grad college, career services, and ISSC to create/promote events that directly support graduate professional development</li><li>• Promote the Student Advocacy Office (and other departments)</li><li>• Have designated outreach directors for each campus</li><li>• Host events on all four campuses during grad week</li><li>• Increase GPSA award prize to \$750 per winner, to ease the burden of tax for international students</li><li>• Advocate for childcare facilities at all campuses for students</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Inform students of their rights, of the reporting process, and of the resources to help them through self-advocacy on campus</li><li>• Inform students of the Office of Student Advocacy and Assistance</li><li>• Promote the GPSA mentoring compact</li><li>• Encourage all schools to create department-specific GSOs</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Referendum to make the elections commissioner an elected position</li><li>• Increase communication with students who receive travel grants</li><li>• Partner with NAU and UofA at ABOR meetings, at Legislative Action Days, at NAGPS conferences, and through monthly legislative meetings</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organize Grad Chat sessions centered on mental wellness and conflict resolution</li><li>• Promote counseling and health services throughout the school year</li><li>• Educate students about ASU health insurance</li><li>• Partner with counseling services to facilitate services that fit graduate student needs</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore conversations about affordable graduate student housing</li><li>• Advocate for increases in the RA/TA stipend amounts at the rate of cost of living increases</li><li>• Provide resources for budgeting and personal finance</li><li>• Encourage students to use benefits offered by the Financial Aid office</li><li>• Connect students with resources that can assist with financial emergencies</li></ul> |
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