GSA Elections

The GSA Executive Board positions are elected by graduate students in the annual election. Are you interested in advocating for student needs and interests? Think about running for one of our Executive Board positions!

All Executive Board positions serve for one school year, and are elected via an online ballot open to all graduate students in the Spring. To nominate yourself for a position, please read the detailed job description and send your nomination information to gsachair@ucsc.edu

To nominate yourself, send to gsachair@ucsc.edu by April 1:

- Your name
- A picture (optional)
- Department, degree sought, year in program
- Position you are running for
- A short statement (300 word max) addressing your interest and goals for the position, such as projects or issue areas you would like to address. If you have it, include your previous experience with the GSA and other relevant experience that prepares you for the position.

Key Dates for 2022:

March 28 - Candidate Information Session (pre-register) (Zoom link)
April 1 - Candidate Statements Due
April 4 - Candidate Forum @ GSA Council Meeting (Zoom link)
April 11 - Joint Candidate Forum (Zoom link)
April 18 - April 25 - Campus Elections, Voting Open
May 2 - Results Announced
(TBD) - New Officer Introductions @ GSA Council Meeting (Zoom link)

Forum

The GSA hosts a candidate’s forum at one of our Council Meetings. Come meet your fellow
candidates as graduate students have the opportunity to talk to you about why you want to be on the Executive Board.

**Candidate Information Session**

We host an information session so that you can ask questions about the positions.

**Position Descriptions**

All positions officially start at the beginning of Summer Quarter. Newly elected officers will have the opportunity to meet with their outgoing predecessors during Spring Quarter, and are encouraged to be actively involved in the transition.

Descriptions of the positions can be found on the GSA website.

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**GSA Executive Board**

The GSA Executive Board consists of elected graduate students charged with advocating for graduate student concerns and interests and representing graduate students at large. They perform a variety of roles, such as: coordinating Council meetings, appointing grads to campus committees, bringing grad concerns to administrators, ensuring that reps get paid and allocated funding is distributed, participating in the statewide UC Student Association. Officers are elected at the end of spring quarter for an annual term.

**POSITIONS**

Below is a summary of each position’s role and their quarterly stipend, followed by a link to a more detailed description. Positions run for one year, beginning in summer quarter after elections.

**PRESIDENT**

*Stipend – $2300 per quarter for three quarters, per hour pay for summer work*

Serves as the chief executive officer and official representative of the campus GSA. Acts as primary point of contact between the GSA Council and campus administration, alumni
association, and other campus organizations. Advocates for graduate student needs and interests. (Must have previous experience on the GSA Council.) Full description

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

**Stipend – $1000 per quarter for three quarters (no summer work)**

Coordinates and facilitates Council meetings, recruit Council representatives, and serve as the main point of contact for them. Coordinate any Council action that may need to be taken regarding the Constitution, the bylaws, and operating procedures. Responsible for ensuring the Council is following the GSA Constitution and Bylaws. Full description

VICE PRESIDENT OF SHARED GOVERNANCE

**Stipend – $1500 per quarter for three quarters, $500 for summer work**

Serves as the liaison for the graduate student body and campus governance. Recruits and appoints grad representatives for campus committees. Provides leadership, guidance, and support to current representatives. Advocates for graduate students within campus. Full description

EXTERNAL VICE PRESIDENT

**Stipend – $2400 per quarter for four quarters (includes summer), with additional $8000 budget for expenses**

Acts as a liaison between GSA and systemwide student organizations, administration and Regents, statewide and national legislative affairs. Advocates for graduate needs on the UC wide level and reports back on important UC wide issues. Attends a variety of systemwide meetings across the state. Position requires extensive travel. Full description

SECRETARY/WEBMASTER

**Stipend – $800 per quarter for three quarters (no summer work)**

Records and maintains the information of the GSA. Manages attendance of GSA meetings, serves as webmaster for GSA, solicits information and news for reports of GSA activities and matters of interest. Full description

TREASURER

**Stipend – $1500 per quarter for three quarters, $500 for summer quarter (reduced workload)**
Provides oversight and management of budget and finance related projects. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the GSA finances and oversees preparation and execution of the budget, including the disbursement of funds according to Council decisions. Full description

SOLIDARITY OFFICER

Stipend – $1000 per quarter for four quarters (includes summer), plus $7000 budget for expenses

Provides programmatic oversight to solidarity-based initiatives in the GSA. Concerned primarily with issues of diversity and solidarity within the Council and graduate student body at-large, with the understanding that such concerns are not exclusively handled by the person holding this position. Full description

About the Graduate Student Association

WHO IS THE GSA?

YOU are the GSA!

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) serves the interests of over 1,900 graduate students at UCSC by representing grad concerns to faculty, administration, and staff, and to UC wide administrators.

We defend the interests of graduate students with regard to:

- Tuition and fees
- Childcare
- Health insurance
- Underrepresented students
- Parking
- International students
- On-campus housing
- Any other graduate issues

In addition, the GSA organizes and co-sponsors events that benefit grads, and makes available travel grants for graduate students attending conferences or traveling on thesis-related research. We do this by placing grads on key committees and by meeting
directly with decision-makers.

The GSA Council consists of the elected Executive Board officers and a graduate representative from each degree-awarding department. The Council meets to discuss and strategize around grad student’s needs and concerns and to make funding decisions.

We hope to see you at our next Council meeting. For more information contact GSA or get in touch with the E-board.