THE SCPSA Graduate & Professional Student Association COMMUNIQUÉ

A BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR STUDENTS, BY STUDENTS



Welcome back, Lobos! We hope your first week of the fall semester has gone off without a hitch!



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WHO WE ARE

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GPSA)

GPSA is the official student government of all Graduate and Professional Students at UNM. We strive to support and promote YOUR interests and concerns on all university affairs. We offer several resources dedicated to advocacy, education, and financial support because we want YOU to succeed. For more information, visit www.gpsa.unm.edu.

What we do to support YOU:

- We offer grants for research, travel, and conference expenses.
- We offer funds to support graduate student organizations.
- We offer free computer pod services in our office.
- We advocate for YOU at University Administration Meetings and at the State Legislature.

MESSAGE FROM THE GPSA PRESIDENT



Hello Lobos!

I hope your Fall classes are going well and you are enjoying our vibrant campus. During this semester, many of you are getting back to in-person learning, which is a vital part of your educational experience. As a community, we have endured a lot of unprecedented events. However, I strongly believe that it was possible because we, as a pack, persevered together. I want to reiterate that we have organized a dynamic team here at GPSA that is constantly advocating for graduate and professional students, and we have exciting things planned for this year. Please take a look at

priorities for this academic year. We encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities we have here at GPSA to impact our campus and our goals.

-GPSA President Shaikh Ahmad

JOIN OUR TEAM! OPEN GPSA POSITIONS:

POLITICAL DIRECTOR- STIPEND \$750 FALL, \$750 SPRING (DUTIES OUTLINED IN CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS)

RESUME AND LETTER OF INTENT DUE: AUGUST 31

AD HOC DIRECTORS - I REMAINING POSITION, STIPEND \$750 FALL, \$750

SPRING(DUTIES SET BY PRESIDENT)

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2022-2023 INITIATIVES



OFFICE OF THE GPSA PRESIDENT

GPSA Priorities & Initiatives for 2022-2023

- I. Establish a clear and transparent line of communication between GPSA and graduate & professional students.
- II. Regaining the physical presence of GPSA on campus and increasing positive public perception.
- III. Implement initiatives to bridge the gap between GPSA and North Campus students.
- IV. Strategically analyze and dissect GPSA's functionality to ensure that the organization accomplishes its main goals and mission.
- V. Foster a culture that encourages inclusivity, diversity, school pride and amplify the reputation of GPSA as the only graduate level student government in the state.
- VI. Enhance coordination between GPSA and ASUNM through collaboration and partnership.
- VII. Strengthen relationships in the local community and the state of New Mexico.
- VIII. Assist and aid the transition of undergraduate students entering graduate programs.
- IX. Advocate for the passing and improvement of NMGAS within the legislative session
- Support and promote decarbonization and sustainable efforts on campus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeking a Research Assistant (Fall 2022)

Job-Specific Responsibilities

The Research Assistant (RA), based in the Department of Special Education at the College of Education and Human Sciences, will work under the direction of Dr. Cathy Qi and her team, providing research and writing support. The Research Assistant will work 10 hours per week in Fall 2022.

Primary Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- · Manage data including data cleaning
- Conduct data analyses related to child development, early childhood education, and early childhood special education
- · Participate in research projects, e.g., longitudinal data analysis, meta-analysis
- · Conduct other background research and literature reviews
- Interpret and summarize findings
- Support the research team in preparing manuscripts for publication; Prepare tables and figures
- · Collaborate with researchers on the team as needed

Basic and Preferred Qualifications

We are looking for a combination of the following experience and skills.

- Current graduate student pursuing a Ph.D. or MA in educational psychology, quantitative analysis, special education, or an education-related field
- · Intermediate or advanced level of software experience (e.g., R)
- Evidence of academic excellence, strong analytical and research skills, strong statistics skills, and excellent writing skills
- Ability to work well both collaboratively and independently
- Knowledge of advanced statistical methods is expected
- Some prior experience with quantitative data analysis
- Evidence of prior high-quality, original academic writing (Preferred)

How to Apply

The RA will be eligible for a tuition waiver of up to 6 hours in Fall 2022. Salary is determined based upon the rates provided by Graduate Studies assistantship salary guidelines. Health insurance will be covered. Stipends are paid on a monthly basis.

The appointment period will be in Fall 2022. Interested candidates should send a resume and a writing sample to Dr. Cathy Qi at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.com/https://doi.org/10.



WHAT'S A POSTDOC?

Ioin the UNM Postdoctoral Association for

NATIONAL POSTDOC APPRECIATION WEEK



Sept. 19-23

Events on North & Main Campus



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Bodyweight HIIT at HOME

What is the study about? This research is studying the effects of a 6-week body weight interval exercise program in adults who are not exercising and classified with obesity.

Who can volunteer? Men and women ages 18-55 with a body mass index ≥30 kg/m² https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/adult_bmi/english_bmi_calculator/bmi_calculator.html and physically inactive for the past 6-months (i.e., <150 mins/week of exercise or physical activity).

What will I be asked to do if I participate? You will either perform 18 exercise sessions of bodyweight interval exercises at home over the course of 6-weeks (3 session/week) or you will be asked to maintain your regular physical activity levels over 6-weeks (if you are randomized to this group, we will provide the exercise program after 6-weeks).

Before and after the 6-weeks: You will have a blood draw. Additionally, you will have your body composition (body fat percentage) assessed, strength, and aerobic fitness tested (walking/jog until exhaustion).

Time required: Five visits to UNM Exercise Science Lab (2 visits will be 1-1.5 hrs. and 3 will be ~15 minutes). For exercise training, you will need 25 minutes a day, 3-days/week. If you are in the non exercise group, you will only need to allot time for the 5 visits to the UNM Exercise Science Lab.

What will I receive if I participate?

You will be compensated for your time, receive a Fitbit Inspire 2 watch to keep, and a free health and fitness consultation with an exercise physiologist who will explain your results.

FREE Exercise Program



Who can you contact for more information?

Gabriella Bellissimo (989) 274-9858 gbellissimo@unm.edu







THE STUDENT FEE
REVIEW BOARD
APPLICATIONS ARE DUE
SEPTEMBER 9TH.
VISITSFRB.UNM.EDU TO
SEE THE HEARING
SCHEDULE AND FOR
MORE INFORMATION!

JOIN GPSA COUNCIL

We are looking for members to join GPSA Council! The roles and responsibilities of a Council Member of GPSA begin with being a voice for the student body. GPSA is designed to improve the educational experience for our graduate students. This could be advocating for many things such as the Grad Workers Union or discussing raising the GPSA Student Fee.

The commitment would be attending 4 out of 5, one-hour long meetings typically at the end of each month to qualify for the semesterly stipend. Please fill out the following form to become a council member. The form can be found in the following QR Code. It requires either an overseeing dean signature, department administrator, faculty advisor, or your graduate student association president. Please contact me as soon as possible if you need help.

Our first council meeting will be occurring on Saturday, August 27th at 10am. The meeting will be held in Sub Ballroom A. The meeting will also be hybrid for those out of town for conferences/travel.

Reach out to gpsacouncil@unm.edu with any questions!

Scan the QR Code for more information:





SNAP A SELFIE, GET A SHIRT













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