Summer 2023 Grants Report

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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GPSA Funding Overview

GPSA administers several grant programs funded through endowments and legislative appropriations. The Grants program is administered by a Grants Director and overseen by a Grants Committee. The program operates three funding cycles coinciding with the summer, fall, and spring semesters. Grant funds support graduate and professional student professional development, research, clinical rotations, and demonstrated financial need.

Summer 2023 Grant Summary

The summer grant cycle ran from June to August 2023. A total of $36,610 in grants and scholarships were awarded to GPSA member students. There were a total of 65 awards made between all grant programs, from 104 total applications submitted. The summer program was advertised through the GPSA listserv, website, and social media. Two grant workshops were held for potential applicants in June, with a recording made available on the website. Grant applications were reviewed and scored by 16 GPSA member Grant Readers.

STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

The Student Research Grant (SRG) helps support student research-related activities and expenses broadly defined to include artistic expression and projects. SRG funds may be used to support travel expenses, the cost of supplies and materials, and the presentation of research at professional conferences. Students may apply for up to $500 to support their research.

During the Summer 2023 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of $10,500 in SRG funding. There were 21 SRG grant awards made out of 25 total applicants (4 applicants were disqualified).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM

The Professional Development Grant (PRG) helps support any career and professional development activities. Such activities include job interviews, auditions, clinicals, mock trials, unpaid internships, and attendance at professional conferences at which the applicant is not presenting. Students may apply for up to $500 to support professional development-related events and activities.

During the Summer 2023 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of $5,500 in PDG funding. There were 11 PDG grant awards made out of 19 total applicants (4 applicants did not meet the point cutoff and 4 were disqualified). One applicant successfully appealed their denial and was awarded a PDG grant.

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) is a need-based scholarship that can help cover the cost of tuition, books, and fees for GPSA member students working toward their degrees. Students may

apply for up to $1000 but must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours during the semester in which they apply. Students must also provide a letter of support from a faculty or staff member.

During the Summer 2023 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of $5,8500 in GSF funding. There were 7 GSF awards made, ranging from $350 to $1000. A total of 19 applicants applied for GSF support with most unfunded applicants failing to be enrolled in at least 6 credits during the summer or failing to provide a letter of support.

HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER RURAL ROATATION GRANTS

The HSC Rural Rotation grant program is the newest addition to GPSA's grant funding portfolio. The program is now in its second year and is made possible because of funding from the New Mexico Legislature. The HSC Rural Rotation program assists UNM Health Sciences students completing rotations in underserved rural areas of New Mexico by providing up to $750 to offset travel, housing, and other costs associated with completing rotations in these areas.

During the Summer 2023 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of $14,760 in HSC Rural Rotation funding. There were 26 students awarded funding, ranging from $200 to $750. A total of 41 applications were received with 8 applicants disqualified based on completing rotations in the Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Rior Rancho, or Santa Fe metro areas, and 7 applicants being non-HSC students or submitting incomplete applications.