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A BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER
FOR STUDENTS, BY STUDENTS



THE BIWEEKLY NEED TO KNOW

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Page 6. Applications for GPSA Chair Positions will be available to students starting June 28.

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 coffee, printing, and computer pod services.
- We advocate for YOU at University Administration Meetings and at the State Legislature.

IMPORTANT MEMO FROM PRESIDENT SAAVEDRA



I hope your summer classes are going well and you are enjoying the summer season. We are working hard to get things in line for the upcoming year in which we transition back to in person learning. GPSA is working hard for graduate and professional students, and we have some exciting things planned for the upcoming year. A couple of announcements to update you on; FAFSA/State Aid, GPSA Survey, Newsletter, Positions, and Initiatives.

HAVE YOU FILLED OUT YOUR FAFSA AND/OR STATE AID FORM?

A message from the Enrollment Management Division: "In the coming weeks, the University of New Mexico will begin drawing down funds from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) dedicated for student grant aid and making awards to students.

Funds will be prioritized for those students with the greatest financial need, as evidenced by receipt of the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#)), based on guidance given to us by the Department of Education.

Students that are not eligible for or have concerns about federal aid eligibility and/or completing the FAFSA should be aware that the UNM [State Aid Application](#) is an option. This state aid application will also allow students to be considered for institutional and state financial aid. No information is shared with the federal government and it comes directly to UNM.

Fund consideration will include both undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at least half-time and with a financial aid application on file for 2021-2022. For this round of resources, all students that meet this criteria—regardless of citizenship or immigration status—will be considered.

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In short, students that need additional resources to offset educational costs should complete either the FAFSA or UNM State Aid Application if not already done. And it's recommended to have either a current local address on file with UNM or set up direct deposit through the [Bursar's Office](#) as soon as possible—funds will be disbursed directly to the student electronically (preferred) or by paper check.”

WE WANT YOUR INPUT IN THE UPCOMING GPSA SURVEY!

In order to gain some information to help GPSA plan the year and gain some insight on how we can provide the best possible resources we will be conducting a survey. We encourage each of you to fill out this survey honestly with the year ahead in mind. The window to complete the summer survey will be from July 12, 2021 – July 26, 2021, each individual to complete the survey will be entered into a giveaway. More details to come.

THE GPSA TEAM KEEPS GETTING BIGGER!

The team is growing! I am excited to announce the appointment of Mr. Xavier Vallejo as GPSA Chief of Staff and Mr. Olaitan Anifowoshe as GPSA Grants Chair. To learn more about the team please visit the [GPSA Website](#). GPSA will be opening Committee Chair Positions for the 2021-2022 academic year. These positions will receive a semesterly stipend in Fall and Spring. Please visit the [GPSA Website](#) for information on these positions. Applications are now open! [Apply here](#).

HERE ARE OUR INITIATIVES FOR THE 2021/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR:

- Increase the security and accessibility of the GPSA office.
- Assess GPSA to modernize and improve the functionality and overall structure of the organization.
- Strategically focus on improving GPSA communications with students and other UNM organizations.
- Establish a presence on North Campus to promote the services that GPSA provides to all UNM graduate and professional students.
- Reestablish GPSA's positioning with the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS).
- Foster a positive and inclusive culture of graduate and professional students at UNM to boost involvement and school pride.

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- Increase collaboration between the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) and the Associated Students of the University of New Mexico (ASUNM) to improve student government culture at UNM.
- Partner with organizations at UNM, in Albuquerque, and in the extended New Mexico community to promote opportunities for graduate and professional students.
- Establish the reputation of GPSA at the university and state level to reflect the value of being the states only graduate and professional student government.

I look forward to serving you as GPSA President. This is a year of vision and progress for GPSA, I cannot wait to see what we accomplish!

In appreciation of you and your efforts.

David C. Saavedra
President, Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA)
MPA Candidate, UNM School of Public Administration
Chair, Student Fee Review Board (SFRB)



GPSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER GRANT WORKSHOPS

Grant Applicants

Grant Readers

Application Deadline

🕒 Appointment Duration: 1 hour

📍 <https://unm.zoom.us/j/3600812858>



For more information, visit gpsa.unm.edu or email gpsafunding@unm.edu

GPSA is pleased to offer the Student Research Grant, Professional Development Grant, and the Graduate Scholarship Fund as part of the Summer 2021 cycle. GPSA will accept applications between Wednesday June 16th, 2021 and Friday July 9th, 2021. The following is a list of Grant Applicant and Grant Reader Training workshops that will be offered by GPSA:

If you want to be a reader and have attended a reading workshop during Fall 2021 or Spring 2021, you are not required to attend one during the Summer 2021 semester. However, please notify the Grants Chair at gpsafunding@unm.edu so you are granted access to read applications.

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IS HIRING!

THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS ARE OPEN:

- FINANCE CHAIR
- ELECTIONS CHAIR
- LOBBY CHAIR
- PROGRAMS CHAIR
- PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR
- STUDENT SUPPORT & ADVOCACY CHAIR
- POLICY COMPLIANCE CHAIR
- CHEIF JUSTICE
- SFRB MEMBER

TO APPLY, YOU NEED TO:

- BE A GRAD. OR PROF. STUDENT
- BE ENROLLED FOR 6 CREDIT HOURS
- SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FORM
- SUBMIT A CURRENT RESUME
- SUBMIT A CURRENT COVER LETTER
- ALL POSITIONS WILL BE COMPENSATED WITH A STIPEND EACH SEMESTER.

APPLY AT [GPSA.UNM.EDU](https://gpsa.unm.edu)

DEADLINE: 5:00 PM FRIDAY, JULY 16

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ACADEMIC STUDY ON SUMMER INTERNSHIPS (\$30 GIFT CARD)!

Are you working in an internship this summer?

If so, then we invite you to participate in a longitudinal research study at Harvard Business School. If you chose to be in the study, you will be asked to complete a short survey each week for four weeks. Today, you will complete the first survey in which you watch a short video and answer questions. You will spend approximately 20 minutes on this survey.

In both weeks 2 and 3, you will be emailed a 7-minute survey where you will be asked to read a short article and answer questions.

In week 4, you will be emailed a 3-minute survey where you will be asked to answer questions about yourself and your internship.

In total, you will spend about 37 minutes on this study. If you complete all four surveys, you will receive a \$30 Amazon Gift Card at the conclusion of the study.

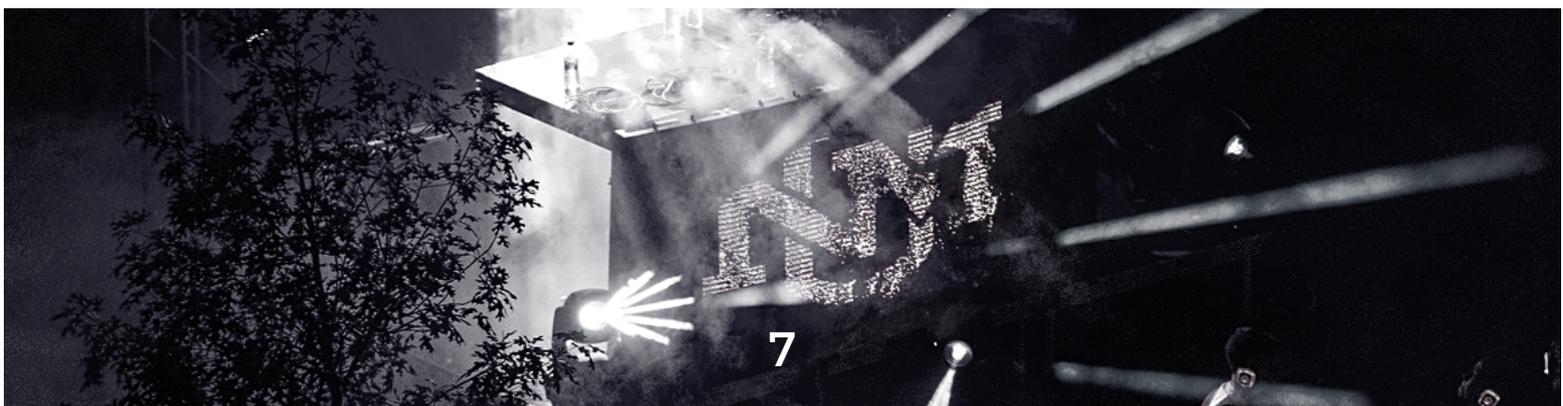
This study is only eligible to people who are 18 years or older, fluent in English, and currently residing in the US. All responses will be kept completely confidential.

Please click on the link below to begin the survey if you would like to participate.

https://hbs.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_emJhgRYeDEgXyeO

We appreciate your participation!

-Harvard Business School Researchers



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EXAMINING ATTRITION AND RETENTION IN GRADUATE STUDENTS.

Our names are Janie Kiyokawa and Joseph Milosch and we are master's students at the Pacific University Applied Psychological Sciences Program. We would like to invite you to participate in the research project entitled, Examining Attrition and Retention in Graduate Students (IRB#1604125-1), which has received IRB approval. Attrition and retention are important factors impacting students in higher education programs. In order to better understand what is important to graduate students, your participation is valuable. Please feel free to participate and share this with others.

Eligibility requirements:

- 18 years of age or older
- Must be enrolled in a graduate program
- Education program is located in the United States

If you choose to participate in this study, you will be asked to complete an anonymous Qualtrics survey. This survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Remuneration: There are no incentives for participating in this study.

Link: https://pacificu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2soRoYUblmvtc1

If you have questions, please contact the principal student investigators Janie Kiyokawa or Joseph Milosch (or our faculty advisor):

Janie Kiyokawa, Student Co-Investigator, Email: kiyo0558@pacificu.edu

Joseph Milosch, Student Co-Investigator, Email: milo0344@pacificu.edu

Dr. Jane Tram, Principal Investigator, Faculty Advisor, Email: tramjm@pacificu.edu

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



Addressing Anti-Asian Racism A Panel Discussion

July 9, 2021
12:00 - 1:00 PM MDT

Join us for a panel discussion on the historical and current rise of anti-Asian racism with national experts on the topic. We are thrilled to host **Dr. Russell Jeung**, the Co-Founder of Stop AAPI Hate and Professor of Asian American Studies at San Francisco State University, **Dr. Ian Shin**, Assistant Professor of History and American Culture at the University of Michigan, and **Dr. Myra Washington**, Assistant Vice President for Faculty Equity and Diversity at the University of Utah.

Moderators:



Joyce Pang, MD
MD PGY-3
Learning Environment Education Fellow
UNM General Surgery



Sireesha Koppula, MD, MBA, MPH, CPE
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
CMO Ambulatory
UNM Hospitals

Speakers:



K. Ian Shin, PhD (Preferred Name: Ian)
Assistant Professor of History
& American Culture
University of Michigan



Russell Jeung, PhD, MA, BA,
Professor of Asian American Studies,
San Francisco State University
BA in Human Biology and MA In Education
from Stanford University,
PhD in Sociology from University of
California, Berkeley



Myra Washington, PhD, MEd
Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies,
Assistant Vice President for Faculty
Equity & Diversity,
University of Utah

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NEED HELP WITH YOUR RESUME AND CV?

Never put a resume together? Unsure of exactly what goes on a resume. Not a problem. The [Office of Career Services](#) is here to assist you in putting together or simply editing an existing resume or CV. Individual appointments as well as walk-in hours are available to meet with a Career Development Facilitator (CDF) for assistance. You can also refer to the [Resume Writing Guide](#) and the [CV Writing Guide](#). Another resource to check out is [Handshake](#), a jobs and internships site for students and alumni.

We welcome students to reach out to us at 505-277-2531 or onlinecareerservices@unm.edu for assistance with any career concern, from exploring options and finding a great career path to CV and resume writing, interview prep, the job search, and beyond.

LOOKING FOR OTHER RESOURCES?

- [African American Student Services \(AASS\)](#)
- [American Indian Student Services \(AISS\)](#)
- [Associated Students of the University of New Mexico \(ASUNM\)](#)
- [Community Engagement Center \(CEC\)](#)
- [NM Dream Team](#)
- [El Centro de la Raza](#)
- [Graduate Resource Center \(GRC\)](#)
- [Graduate and Professional Student Association \(GPSA\)](#)
- [Graduate Studies \(GS\)](#)
- [Kiva Club](#)
- [LGBTQ Resource Center](#)
- [Lobo Guardian](#)
- [LoboRESPECT](#)
- [Men of Color Initiative \(MOCI\)](#)
- [Office of Career Services](#)
- [Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color \(PNMGC\)](#)
- [Student Activities Center \(SAC\)](#)
- [Student Government Accounting Office \(SGAO\)](#)
- [Veteran & Military Resource Center \(VRC\)](#)
- [Women's Resource Center \(WRC\)](#)

HOWLING HIGHLIGHTS



CONGRATULATIONS RYAN!

Ryan Lindquist, Director of the Student Activities Center (SAC), was honored by UNM Student Affairs as the 2021 Leader of the Pack, Lucy Award Winner! Ryan is a UNM alumnus and has worked at UNM for 22 years! Thank you Ryan for your tireless dedication to the students of UNM!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY XAVI!

Xavi Vallejo, Chief of Staff of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA), turns 23 on Monday, July 5th! Xavi is studying to earn his Masters Degree in Business Administration. Thank you for your hard work!



WANT TO GIVE SOMEONE YOU KNOW A SHOUTOUT?

Want to give someone a shoutout for their birthday or an accomplishment? Our team loves to celebrate and recognize Lobos! If you want us to recognize someone in the next issue of the GPSA Communique, please email us an image and description to gpsa@unm.edu to include in the next newsletter.

All requests should be made one week prior to the publication of the GPSA Communiqué. The deadline for submissions to be included in the next newsletter is 5:00 PM on July 7, 2021.

WANT TO SHARE A MESSAGE WITH GRAD STUDENTS?

WE CAN SHARE YOUR MESSAGE WITH ALL GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS AT UNM

Our team is dedicated to promoting the resources available to Graduate & Professional Students at UNM. If you want us to highlight an event, program, or other resource available to Graduate & Professional Students, please email a request to gpsa@unm.edu with a brief description and flyer to include in the next newsletter.

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WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GPSA?

OUR TEAM IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU ANY WAY THAT WE CAN! READ OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why do I have GPSA charge on my bursar's account? Students enrolled in a degree-seeking graduate program at UNM are required to pay a student fee to GPSA. This fee goes to funding UNM programs and organizations and is allocated annually by the Student Fee Review Board. Students who do not pay this fee are not eligible to apply for scholarships or grants through GPSA.

Are new UNM Graduate & Professional Students eligible to apply for grants? Yes. You are eligible to apply for SRG, PDG and NMRG (if being offered in the semester) if you meet the respective grant's requirement. However, you are not eligible to apply for the Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) if you are in your first semester.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT GPSA? CONTINUED

Are grants and scholarships offered every semester? The Student Research Grant (SRG), Professional Development Grant (PDG) and Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) are offered in every semester i.e. Fall, Spring and Summer. However, the New Mexico Research Grant (NMRC High Priority and General Priority) are offered only in the Fall Semester.

Can I apply to multiple grants in one grant cycle? Yes, you can apply multiple grants in the same grant cycle, but each grant requires a separate application i.e. Statement of Proposal, Budget sheet and Letter of Recommendation (if required).

Can I utilize my grant award another semester? Yes, you can. The funds which are sought for the event or activity must be utilized within the next, current or previous funding period.



Ask a question. Didn't see your question in our list of [FAQs](#)? Submit any questions you have on [our website](#). If your question is urgent or specific, please submit an email directly to the appropriate Committee Chair for a quicker response.

CONTACT US!

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