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# THE UNM | GPSA Graduate & Professional Student Association COMMUNIQUÉ

A BIWEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
FOR STUDENTS, BY STUDENTS



Enjoy this summer edition of the Communique! Bi-weekly newsletters will return in the fall semester.



## THE SUMMER NEED TO KNOW

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To be included in the next issue of the GPSA Communique on August 20, please email [gpsapr@unm.edu](mailto:gpsapr@unm.edu) by August 18.

## 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](http://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.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Open Education Research Fellow Description

The College of University Libraries and Learning Sciences (CULLS) is seeking applications from current UNM graduate degree students interested in serving as an Open Education Research Fellow. This position involves activities related to Open Educational Resource awareness and growth at the University of New Mexico. The OER assistant will support the OER Librarian through carrying out institutional research, developing and editing OER materials, and providing other departmental support.

This position requires an organized individual who demonstrates initiative. Under the supervision of the CULLS OER Librarian, the graduate assistant will perform tasks and engage in activities including but not limited to the following:

- Developing competence in OER discovery resources and strategies through training and self-paced learning.
- Managing or assisting with creation & promotion of OER resources & participation in campus OER outreach events.
- Coordination, clerical, or other needed tasks related to OER grant outcomes.
- Researching OER usage and implementation at UNM.
- Proofreading and/or editing Open Educational materials.

### Preferred Start Date

Mid-August 2022

### Pay Rate

This is a .5 FTE position, and the hourly rate is \$25.13. Tuition is not included.

### Qualifications

#### Required

- Currently enrolled graduate student in a UNM program.
- Demonstrate strong interpersonal skills, including communication, teamwork, problem-solving and the ability to work well with the public.
- Ability to work independently.
- Be available to work 15-20 hours a week.
- Interest in teaching and learning.

#### Preferred

- Familiarity with creating webpages.
- Experience with graphic design.
- Knowledge of or interest in Open Educational Resources.

If interested, please submit your cover letter and resume to Jennifer Schaller at [jschall1@unm.edu](mailto:jschall1@unm.edu). For best consideration, please submit no later than July 18th @ 5:00 PM; however, this position will be open until filled.

## OPEN GPSA POSITIONS

- Elections Director - Stipend \$750 Fall, \$750 Spring (Duties Outlined in Constitution and Bylaws)
- Finance Director - Stipend \$750 Fall, \$750 Spring (Duties Outlined in Constitution and Bylaws)
- Political Director - Stipend \$750 Fall, \$750 Spring (Duties Outlined in Constitution and Bylaws)
- Ad hoc Directors - 2 are budgeted at the same rates as above (Duties set by President)

Email [gpsa@unm.edu](mailto:gpsa@unm.edu) if you are interested in any of the open positions.



## Become a Mentor or Mentee

Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color (PNMGC) is a student-led program working to retain students of color through ongoing peer mentoring.

### CONTACT US:

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### \$\$\$ Student Scholarships Every Semester!

### SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- BE A REGISTERED STUDENT AT UNM
- SUBMIT A MENTOR/MENTEE APPLICATION AT THE START OF THE SEMESTER
- ATTEND A MANDATORY ORIENTATION AT THE START OF THE SEMESTER
- ATTEND THREE PNMGC WORKSHOPS THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER
- MEET ONCE A MONTH WITH YOUR MENTOR OR MENTEE
- SUBMIT A MENTOR/MENTEE TRACKING FORM FOR EACH MONTHLY MEETING
- SUBMIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION BY THE SEMESTER DEADLINE

\*REQUIREMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE EACH SEMESTER

### Apply Today!

Visit [pnmgc.unm.edu](http://pnmgc.unm.edu) to complete application

Starting Summer 2022  
courses will be taught using **UNM Canvas** (replacing UNM Learn)  
visit [CanvasInfo.unm.edu](http://CanvasInfo.unm.edu) for more info



# MEET THE TEAM



## 1. Shaikh Ahmad

PRESIDENT

Shaikh is a master's student in the MS-ISA program. He obtained a BBA with a minor in Sustainability Studies at UNM. In addition to being the GPSA President, he is also working as a Project Assistant for Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color (PNMGC) this summer. He aspires to become a Philanthropist someday. As a UNM student he held multiple administrative positions like GPSA Lobby Chair and founding member of the Association for Sustainability at UNM. He ran for GPSA President to accentuate and enhance the rights of minority groups along with general student welfare. His administration will work on spreading a message of inclusion, equality, and diversity!

Andrea is entering her second and final year of her graduate studies as a dual-degree master's student, for she is pursuing her MBA and MPP. The former track and field student-athlete previously held a Senator seat in ASUNM in 2021, and was a member of the GPSA Elections Committee. She is from a town just east of Philadelphia, and graduated with a BA in Human Resources during her undergraduate studies. She is committed to putting her legislative knowledge and passion to the Chief of Staff position this academic year.

## 2. Andrea Benites

CHIEF OF STAFF

Ayonitoluwa "Ayoni" Oyenuga was born in Ibadan, Oyo State. She has a bachelor's degree in Estate Management from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. Before starting her graduate degree in Community and Regional Planning at UNM, she worked as Head of Operations at a mortgage firm focused on providing financial services to low- and middle-income earners looking to become homeowners. Now focusing more on the field of planning, she is interested in improving quality of life through neighborhood plans for communities, comprehensive plans on a larger scale and transportation planning that includes multimodal initiatives.

## 3. Ayoni Oyenuga

GRANTS DIRECTOR

Hallie is a graduate student in Public Policy who completed her undergraduate coursework at UNM in 2018, majoring in International Studies and Sociology. During her undergrad, she served as resident advisor and ASUNM Senator. Between undergrad and grad school, Hallie served in the US Peace Corps in The Gambia as a Community Health Specialist. In addition to her role with GPSA, she works with a local nonprofit that work with refugees and newcomers in the Albuquerque community. She is looking forward to serving the graduate community.

## 4. Hallie Brown

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

Jarrod Ronquillo is pursuing a Ph.D. in chemical engineering as a GEM Fellow. He was Captain and President of the Lobo Ice Hockey team, where the team made it to the national tournament! He is also an engineer at Los Alamos National Laboratory where he researches sustainable energy. He plans to bring all this experience in order to create a more inclusive, and sustainable campus with equal opportunities!

## 5. Jarrod Ronquillo

COUNCIL CHAIR



## **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
- X. Support and promote decarbonization and sustainable efforts on campus