



Fall 2023 Grants Report

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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.

Fall 2023 Grant Summary

The summer grant cycle ran from August to November 2023. A total of \$139,490 in grants and scholarships were awarded to GPSA member students. There were a total of 157 awards made between all grant programs, from 212 total applications submitted. The fall program was advertised through the GPSA listserv, website, and social media. Two grant information sessions were held for potential applicants in September, with a recording made available on the website. A total of 33 potential applicants participated in the sessions. Grant applications were reviewed and scored by 24 GPSA member Grant Readers.

In addition, the Grants Director presented a report to GPSA Council in September about the need to examine increasing the maximum grant funding amounts and/or the number of awards and to update the Grants Code. This was followed by a proposed bill to amend the Grants Code section of the GPSA Bylaws which was passed by the GPSA LSC and adopted by GPSA Council in November.

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 Fall 2023 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$28,410 in SRG funding. There were 58 SRG grant awards made out of 89 total applicants (27 applications fell below the point cutoff and 4 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 Fall 2023 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$19,050 in PDG funding. There were 39 PDG grant awards made out of 46 total applicants (7 applications fell below the point cutoff).

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 Fall 2023 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$22,000 in GSF funding. There were 22 GSF awards made out of 35 total applicants (9 applications fell below the points cut off and 4 were disqualified).

NEW MEXICO RESEARCH GRANT

The New Mexico Research Grant (NMRG) assists students with larger research projects that require substantial funding and are aimed at encouraging students to work on research with state agencies or in areas that directly benefit the people of New Mexico. NMRG is divided into two grant programs:

1. **High Priority** grants require a research collaboration with a state agency or nonprofit organization and can provide up to \$5,000 for the research project.
2. **General Priority** grants do not require collaboration and can provide up to \$3,000 for each research project.

During the Fall 2023 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$55,030 in NMRG funding: \$15,000 in High Priority grants and \$40,030 in General Priority grants. There were 22 total NMRG applicants, including 4 High Priority grant applicants and 18 General Priority grant applicants. Three (3) High Priority grant awards were made out of the 4 High Priority applicants (1 was disqualified) and 14 General Priority grant awards were made out of the 18 General Priority applicants (4 were disqualified).

HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER RURAL ROTATION 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 Fall 2023 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$15,000 in HSC Rural Rotation funding. There were 20 students awarded funding of \$750 each.

GRANT CYCLE STATISTICS

FALL 2023 COMPETITIVE CYCLE

	Start Date	End Date	Total Applicants	Total Awards	Below Cutoff	Disqualify
SRG	9/5/2023	10/6/2023	89	58	27	4
PDG	9/5/2023	10/6/2023	46	39	7	0
GSF	9/5/2023	10/6/2023	35	22	9	4
NMRG-High	9/5/2023	10/6/2023	4	3	0	1
NMRG-General	9/5/2023	10/6/2023	18	14	0	4
		TOTAL	192	136	43	13
	Start Date	End Date	Total Applicants	Total Awards	Below Cutoff	Disqualify
SRG	9/5/2023	10/6/2023	89	65.17%	30.34%	4.49%
PDG	9/5/2023	10/6/2023	46	84.78%	15.22%	0.00%
GSF	9/5/2023	10/6/2023	35	62.86%	25.71%	11.43%
NMRG-High	9/5/2023	10/6/2023	4	75.00%	0.00%	25.00%
NMRG-General	9/5/2023	10/6/2023	18	77.78%	0.00%	22.22%

FALL 2022 COMPETITIVE CYCLE

	Start Date	End Date	Total Applicants	Total Awards	Below Cutoff	Disqualify
SRG	8/31/2022	9/23/2022	50	31	4	15
PDG	8/31/2022	9/23/2022	36	15	1	20
GSF	8/31/2022	9/23/2022	40	20	9	11
NMRG-High	8/31/2022	9/23/2022	4	4	0	0
NMRG-General	8/31/2022	9/23/2022	30	10	16	4
		TOTAL	160	80	30	50
	Start Date	End Date	Total Applicants	Total Awards	Below Cutoff	Disqualify
SRG	8/31/2022	9/23/2022	50	62.00%	8.00%	30.00%
PDG	8/31/2022	9/23/2022	36	41.67%	2.78%	55.56%
GSF	8/31/2022	9/23/2022	40	50.00%	22.50%	27.50%
NMRG-High	8/31/2022	9/23/2022	4	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%
NMRG-General	8/31/2022	9/23/2022	30	33.33%	53.33%	13.33%

FALL 2023 APPLICANT FIELD DISTRIBUTION

	Total Applicants	GSF Awards	NMRG Awards	PDG Awards	SRG Awards
Applied Sciences	26	3	2	7	4
Behavioral Sciences	15	0	2	4	4
Fine Arts & Design	31	6	2	3	9
Formal Sciences	4	0	1	2	0
Health Sciences/ Medical	14	2	5	2	3
Humanities	39	4	1	8	7
Law	5	0	0	2	0
Natural Sciences	29	1	1	3	13
Social Sciences	48	3	3	6	14
Other	58	3	0	1	4