



Fall 2024 Grants Report

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION (GPSA)

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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.

Fall 2024 Grant Summary

The fall grant cycle ran from August to November 2024. A total of **\$84,605.77** in grants and scholarships were awarded to GPSA member students. There were **70 total awards** made between all grant programs, drawn from **221 total applications**.

The fall program was promoted through GPSA's official channels including the listserv, website, and social media. Two grant information sessions were held in early September, with recorded versions made available to all students.

A dedicated group of 23 GPSA member reviewers evaluated the submissions. The committee, led by a new Grants Director, demonstrated exceptional engagement and diligence throughout the process. A major advancement was the successful amendment of the Grants Code, which now mandates applicants to attend at least one grant workshop per year starting Spring 2025 Grant Cycle. This change was approved by the GPSA Council. We also made some other minor changes to streamline the grant application.

While the process was effective, funding limitations posed a persistent challenge. The number of applicants far exceeded the number of available awards, underlining the growing need for expanded financial support.

STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT (SRG)

The **Student Research Grant (SRG)** supports student research-related activities, including travel, supplies, and presentation of research.

Students may apply for up to \$750.

Total Applications	Total Awardees	Total Funding Awarded
76	15	\$11,046.00

Department Distribution of Awardees

Department	Number of Awardees
Arts & Sciences	09
Engineering	04
Education & Human Sciences	01
Fine Arts	01

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM (PDG)

The Professional Development Grant (PDG) assists with career-related activities such as job interviews, internships, clinicals, and non-presenting conference attendance.

Students may apply for up to \$600.

Total Applications	Total Awardees	Total Funding Awarded
50	13	\$7,076.00

Department Distribution of Awardees

Department	Number of Awardees
Arts & Sciences	09
Engineering	01
Architecture & Planning	01
Fine Arts	02

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND (GSF)

The Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) is a need-based scholarship covering costs like tuition, books, and fees.

Students may apply for up to \$1000.

Total Applications	Total Awardees	Total Funding Awarded
65	20	\$19,308.00

Department Distribution of Awardees

Department	Number of Awardees
Arts & Sciences	03
Fine Arts	03
Engineering	07
Anderson School of Management	03
Education & Human Services	02
School of Public Administration	01
Architecture & Planning	01

NEW MEXICO RESEARCH GRANT (NMRG)

The **New Mexico Research Grant (NMRG)** funds larger-scale research projects with relevance to the state. The grant is offered in two tiers:

General Priority

Students may apply for up to \$3,000.

Total Applications	Total Awardees	Total Funding Awarded
23	06	\$17,175.77

Department Distribution of Awardees

Department	Number of Awardees
Arts & Sciences	04
School of Public Administration	01
Architecture & Planning	01

High Priority

Students may apply for up to \$5,000 for research involving collaboration with a state agency or nonprofit.

Total Applications	Total Awardees	Total Funding Awarded
07	06	\$30,000

Department Distribution of Awardees

Department	Number of Awardees
Health Sciences & Medicine	01
Education & Human Sciences	01
Anderson School of Management	01
Architecture & Planning	01
School of Public Administration	02

HEALTH SCIENCES RURAL ROTATION GRANT (HSC)

The Health Sciences Rural Rotation Grant (HSC) provides funding to assist UNM Health Sciences students completing rotations in underserved and rural areas of New Mexico. The grant can help offset travel, housing, and other costs associated with completing rotations in rural areas. Students may apply for up to **\$1,000 or as needed**.

This grant is funded by the Health Sciences Department for the Academic Year 2024–2025. In the Fall 2024 Grant Cycle, both applicants were awarded funding.

Total Applications	Total Awardees	Total Funding Awarded
02	02	\$3,060.00

Successes

- A highly active and committed Grants Committee improved the efficiency and consistency of the award process.
- The amendment to the Grants Code now requires applicants to attend at least one grant workshop per year. Implementation begins Spring 2025.

Challenges

- Funding constraints remain a key issue. While 221 applications were received, only 70 awards were issued—highlighting a significant gap in available support.
- With award caps increased, additional funding will be necessary to meet demand and maintain award competitiveness.