



Spring 2024 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.

Spring 2024 Grant Summary

The spring grant cycle ran from January to March 2024. A total of \$131,610 in grants and scholarships were awarded to GPSA member students. There were a total of 158 awards made between all grant programs, from 316 total applications submitted. The spring program was advertised through the GPSA listserv, website, and social media. Two grant information sessions were held for potential applicants in January, with a recording made available on the website. A total of 61 potential applicants participated in the sessions. Grant applications were reviewed and scored by 22 GPSA member Grant Readers.

Highlights from the 2023-2024 funding year include working with the GPSA Council to adopt an updated Grants Code section of the ByLaws to address applicant barriers, increase the number of awards given, and increase the PDG and SRG maximum award amount beginning in Summer 2024. Over the course of this funding year GPSA awarded **\$307,710 in grant awards to 380 awardees** from among **632 grant applicants**.

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 Spring 2024 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$33,070 in SRG funding. There were 67 SRG grant awards made out of 110 total applicants (26 applications fell below the point cutoff and 15 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 Spring 2024 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$19,210 in PDG funding. There were 40 PDG grant awards made out of 73 total applicants (21 applications fell below the point cutoff and 12 were disqualified).

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 no longer need to provide a letter of support from a faculty or staff member.

During the Spring 2024 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$33,580 in GSF funding. There were 34 GSF awards made out of 118 total applicants (74 applications fell below the points cutoff and 10 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 Spring 2024 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$45,750 in HSC Rural Rotation funding. There were 17 students awarded funding of \$1300 each for the Spring semester and 43 Summer and Fall 2023 grantees awarded an additional \$550.

GRANT CYCLE STATISTICS

SPRING 2024 COMPETITIVE CYCLE

	Start Date	End Date	Total Applicants	Total Awards	Below Cutoff	Disqualify
SRG	01/16/2024	02/16/2024	108	67	26	15
PDG	01/16/2024	02/16/2024	73	40	21	12
GSF	01/16/2024	02/16/2024	118	34	74	10
		TOTAL	299	141	121	37
	Start Date	End Date	Total Applicants	Total Awards	Below Cutoff	Disqualify
SRG	01/16/2024	02/16/2024	108	62.03%	24.07%	13.88%
PDG	01/16/2024	02/16/2024	73	54.79%	28.76%	16.43%
GSF	01/16/2024	02/16/2024	118	28.81%	62.71%	8.47%

SPRING 2023 COMPETITIVE CYCLE

	Start Date	End Date	Total Applicants	Total Awards	Below Cutoff	Disqualify
SRG	01/27/2023	02/17/2023	76	37		
PDG	01/27/2023	02/17/2023	47	30		
GSF	01/27/2023	02/17/2023	35	13		
		TOTAL	158	80		
	Start Date	End Date	Total Applicants	Total Awards	Below Cutoff	Disqualify
SRG	01/27/2023	02/17/2023	76	48.68%		
PDG	01/27/2023	02/17/2023	47	63.82%		
GSF	01/27/2023	02/17/2023	35	37.13%		

SPRING 2024 APPLICANT FIELD DISTRIBUTION

	Total Applicants	GSF Awards	PDG Awards	SRG Awards
Anderson School of Management	22	3	3	5
Architecture & Planning	14	3	2	3
Arts & Sciences	132	16	19	36
College of Population Health	3	0	0	1
Education & Human Sciences	35	2	4	4
Engineering	52	2	4	5
Fine Arts	35	3	4	7
Health Sciences, inc. Nursing & Pharmacy	36	2	2	4
Law	12	2	0	0
School of Public Administration	10	1	2	0
Other	11	0	0	2