



Summer 2024 Grants Report

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

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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.

SUMMER 2024 GRANT SUMMARY

The Summer Grant Cycle ran from June to August 2024. A total of \$52,323.69 in grants and scholarships were awarded to GPSA member students. There were a total of 71 awards made across all grant programs, from 163 total applications submitted. The summer program was advertised through the GPSA listserv, website, and social media. Two grant workshops were held for potential applicants in June, with a recording made available on the website. Each grant application was reviewed and scored by three randomly assigned GPSA member Grant Readers.

STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM

The Student Research Grant (SRG) supports student research-related activities and expenses, broadly defined to include artistic expression and projects. SRG funds can be used to cover travel expenses, the cost of supplies and materials, and research presentation at professional conferences. Starting from the Summer 2024 Grant Cycle, students may apply for up to \$750 to support their research. During the Summer 2024 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$13,438.69 in SRG funding. Among 48 applicants, 18 received SRG grants, while 21 applicants fall below the cutoff number of awardees, and 9 applicants were disqualified based on specific criteria outlined in the Grants Code.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT (PDG) PROGRAM

The Professional Development Grant (PDG) helps support any career and professional development activities. Such activities include job interviews, auditions, mock trials, unpaid internships, and attendance at professional conferences at which the applicant is not presenting. Students may apply for up to \$600 to support professional development-related events and activities.

During the Summer 2024 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$11,085 in PDG funding. There were 19 grants awards made out of a total of 28 applicants (9 applicants did not meet specific requirements of this grant program).

GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FUND (GSF)

The Graduate Scholarship Fund (GSF) is a need-based scholarship that can help cover cost of tuition, books, and fees for GPSA member students working toward their degrees. Students may apply for up to \$1,000 for AY, June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025, with specific defined criteria such as must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours during the semester in which they applied.

During the Summer 2024 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$11,000 in GSF funding. 11 applicants were awarded, while 10 applicants falls below the cut-off and 26 were disqualified for failing to meet specific requirements of the Grants Code.

HEALTH SCIENCES 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 third 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 Summer 2024 Cycle, GPSA awarded a total of \$16,800 in HSC Rural Rotation funding. There were 23 students awarded funding, ranging from \$450 to \$750. A total of 23 applications were received and awarded to complete various rural clinical rotations in communities outside of Albuquerque.

Please note that this is a non-competitive grant that is awarded on a first-in basis.