



GPSA 2026 General Election President Candidacy Form

Important Deadlines:

Candidacy Forms Due: Time	February 23rd at 11:59 PM Mountain Standard
Forms Submitted To:	gpsaelections@unm.edu
Candidate Informational Meeting:	February 25th at 5:00 pm MST (Zoom link to be provided later)
GPSA General Election:	March 23rd (9:00 am MST) – March 27th(12:00 pm MST)

Duties of the GPSA President:

A. Duties, Powers, and Responsibilities

- 1.** The President shall be authorized and required to be one of two signatures on disbursements of GPSA, except for personal reimbursements to the President which shall be signed by two other authorized persons
- 2.** The President may call special elections on items of governance, policy, and fiscal impact by giving notice to Council and the Elections Committee. (Constitution VI.3.A.) Special Elections shall be run in accordance with the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.
- 3.** The President shall serve as an official member to the Faculty Senate Graduate Committee, as authorized by the Committee.
- 4.** The President shall make official announcements for open positions and appointments in the Executive Branch, including job descriptions and how to apply.
 - a.** Announcements shall follow TPNR.
 - b.** All GPSA members shall be eligible for all appointments, unless prohibited by the GPSA Constitution and Bylaws.
- 5.** The President should keep open appointments for the period of no less than five (5) academic days from the announcement of the open positions.
- 6.** The President may remove appointments at any time.
- 7.** The President shall fill any Standing Committee Chair vacancy within twenty (20) academic days.
- 8.** The President shall attend or send a designee to all Council meetings and provide to Council a President's Report on issues pertinent to GPSA and the graduate and professional student community.
- 9.** The President shall be responsible for the hours of operation of the GPSA Office and facilities.
- 10.** The President shall employ, discharge, and assign duties to all Executive Branch employees, in a manner consistent with current University employee policies.



GPSA Application for Candidacy Form, Spring 2026

Due Date: February 23rd at 11:59 PM MST

I, _____,
(Print Your Name)

hereby declare my candidacy for the office of the President.

I am a member of GPSA in good standing and qualified as prescribed by the [GPSA Election Code](#) (GPSA By-Laws page 56-63) to run for the listed position. I will obey all laws, policies, regulations, and decisions of the GPSA Constitution, Bylaws, and Election Commission. If elected, I will accept and assume the duties and responsibilities of the President.

I am a graduate or professional student enrolled at the University of New Mexico, and I intend to be enrolled as a graduate or professional student in both the Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 semesters. I have read and understand the rules of the GPSA and the published Elections Codes and will abide by them. In addition, I have read and understand the eligibility requirements to have a 0.5 FTE [graduate assistantship](#).

(Signature)

(Date)

Personal Information

Name: _____
(As you want it to appear on the ballot)

Banner ID Number: _____

Local Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____



GPSA Presidential Candidacy Eligibility Form, Spring 2026
Due Date: February 23rd by 11:59 pm

I, _____, do hereby authorize the Director of the UNM Student Activities Center, to examine my records in order to confirm my eligibility for the GPSA President.

Furthermore, I realize I must remain in good standing within my department throughout the entire term of office and my grade point average will be checked at the end of each academic semester.

(Signature) (Date)

Banner ID Number: _____

Local Telephone Number(s): _____ / _____

E-mail Address: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

I verify that the above-named student is _____ eligible
_____ not eligible

(Signature of Representative of Dean of Students) (Date)

**** Original document to be kept in the Student Activities Center**



GPSA Candidate Autobiography Form - Spring 2026

Due Date: February 23rd by 11:59 pm

The Elections Committee will be promoting candidates using photos and/or autobiographies on advertisement posters and electronic lists around campus. The name, declared program, position running for on the ballot, picture, and autobiography of each candidate should be provided to the Election Committee as mandated by Elections Code Section 3. A. 1. a.

We have set the following format for the autobiography:

Candidates will be allowed **100 words** to briefly state their interests and goals for their particular office. The autobiography should be written in third person narration style. You will be given the opportunity to provide a longer, verbal statement at the respective election forums. In addition, please e-mail a copy of your statement to gpsaelections@unm.edu in Word format (.doc or .docx). ***Please do not exceed your word limit!***

Dates are considered single words:
April 7, 2023 (one word) or 4/7/23 (one word)

Names are considered multiple words:
Jane Doe (two words)

Please do not run words together:
IamaUNMstudentforeightyears (eight words)

Candidates should submit a photograph via e-mail that they would like to use for election advertisements. (Please submit a jpg file as a separate attachment to ensure image quality.)

Please Note: The Election Committee reserves the right to cut off any words over the limit, and adjust formatting to fit the advertisement. If there is not enough room to print all of these statements, then none will be printed. In addition, print clearly and proofread your work. The way you submit your statement is exactly how it will be printed if within the stated guidelines.

Presidential Candidate Name: _____



Authorized Campaign Committee Members Form

Spring 2026 – Due Date: February 23rd by 11:59 pm

Per Section 5. B of the Election Code all candidates must submit a list of authorized campaigncommittee members. Please do so below:

Members:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

9.

10.

Candidate Name: _____

Signature: _____



GPSA Campaign Contribution Statement Form, Spring 2026 – Due Date: February 23rd by 11:59 pm

As mandated by the Elections Code (Section 5. C):

“All funds received and spent will be from members of the UNM GPSA and no other sources”.

(Print Your Name)

(Signature)

(Date)



GPSA Campaign Expenditure Form, Spring 2026

Please list all campaign expenditures and the monetary value of each expenditure below. This form is due by 5:00 pm MST via email to gpsaelections@unm.edu on the closing day of the election (March 27th, 2026), as mandated by the Elections Code Section 5. D.

I, _____, certify that the following expenditures
(Print Name)

and their corresponding values are true to the best of my knowledge.

Expenditure

Value

Candidate Name: _____

Signature: _____