

Graduate Student Association
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The Graduate Student Association (GSA) is an organization of graduate students designed to enhance the experience of each graduate student at UNCG.

1. Every graduate student at UNCG is a member of GSA's legislative body and is encouraged to attend meetings and be an active member.
2. Funding is available for research support and travel to meetings through GSA. Funding comes in two forms, Professional Development Funds (PDF) and Thesis/Dissertation Funds (TDF). PDFs are for graduate students to attend professional conferences and present or perform original work and the maximum award is currently \$400. TDFs are for graduate students to offset the cost of purchasing supplies needed for the completion of a thesis or dissertation the maximum award is currently \$400. See the web page for further details about allocation.
3. It is important to note that *for any student in a department to be eligible for a financial award, the student's program must maintain active affiliation through participation in the GSA's legislature*. This means that at least one graduate student from the department must attend at least two of the three GSA meetings per semester. For this reason, it is important for graduates in a department to decide among themselves a schedule of attendance to meet this minimum.
4. The GSA serves as the collective voice and power of the graduate student body in interactions with University administration and faculty. The GSA is run by an executive board that consists of a president and three vice-presidents (finance, programming, and public relations). These are paid positions that are elected at the end of the Spring Semester and last for one year. Any graduate student is eligible to run for these positions.
5. For more information on the GSA and how you as a graduate student in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry can become involved, see the GSA web page at <https://sites.google.com/a/uncg.edu/gsa/home>.