**Application for 2016-2017 GSA Best Practices Award**

Application Deadline: 11:59 p.m. 30 January 2017

(Please scan the completed application and email it to group-gsa-dolc@ncsu.edu)

Distributed by the Departmental Outreach and Leadership Committee (DOLC), the Best Practices award recognizes the GSA which most clearly embodies GSA’s mission of improving the satisfaction and scholarship of graduate students at North Carolina State University. Since each department is unique, the award is also intended as a tool to spread ideas and to encourage involvement in GSAs of all sizes.

Please use the space provided to answer the following questions regarding your department’s GSA.

GSA NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What does your GSA do to enhance the experience of graduate students in your department? This could include how money is spent, how events are organized/publicized, types of events, how student interests are represented, etc.

2. Describe your GSA’s organizational structure. (meeting procedures/frequency, member responsibilities, etc.)

3. Are faculty and/or administrators involved with your GSA? If so, how does your GSA facilitate interactions between students and faculty?

4. What steps do you take to ensure a smooth transition from one academic year to the next so that your GSA stays in good standing with the UGSA?

5. Does your GSA raise funds in addition to your chapter rebate? If so, how do you raise these additional funds? How are these funds used?

6. How does your GSA recruit and involve new members?

7. What makes your GSA unique? Why do you think your GSA deserves to be recognized?

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Signature of submitting student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of departmental DGP: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_