



PawPrints

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**This is the first Pawprints issue of 2018 - 2019.
Welcome back graduate-professional students!
- The Exec Board**

Welcome Message from the GSA President

Hello grad students of the Wolfpack,

With the semester officially underway now it is my great privilege to welcome all of our new grad students and welcome back all of our returners on behalf of the Graduate Student Association. Whether this is your first or last semester here at NC State the GSA exists to represent and serve you through supporting your work, providing social and professional development opportunities, and advocating on behalf of grad student interests.

Over the past several years the GSA has adopted a more active role in promoting grad student interests on campus, both directly and through supporting an increased grad student presence in Student Government. This year I look forward to building on those efforts, particularly in coordinating among students, from individuals and program GSAs to our Student Government and fellow students at our sister institutions in the UNC System to increase the power of our collective student voices by helping us speak in unison on the issues that concern us all. One example of this that is already underway is a new GSA/SG Joint Division for Research and Advocacy on Graduate Stipends. This initiative is compiling information on grad student stipends across the university and working to present the case for more commensurate and competitive stipends while simultaneously empowering students to advocate for this locally, within their own departments.

You can always find more information on GSA events, programs, travel funding and etc. on the GSA website and Facebook page. For any questions or ideas that you would like to share with the GSA Executive Board or if you have any interest in participating in grad student advocacy on campus please contact us at group-gsa-execs@ncsu.edu or drop by the GSA office in the Student Government Suite (Talley Student Union, Suite 4251).

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Welcome from your new GSA Executive Board!



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Legislative Snapshot!

This year we are trying something NEW. With so much happening in government these days, keeping up with legislative changes to higher education can be difficult. Therefore, in each issue of Pawprints we will endeavor to include a “**Legislative Snapshot**”, or short summary, of any local, state, or federal policy or regulation changes from the previous month that are pertinent to grad students at NC State.

[View the full Legislative Snapshot HERE](#)

Snapshot Summary

- The GSA is sending TWO delegates to Washington D.C. to advocate on behalf of NC State graduate-professional students at NC State! Email if you if you have a special request or concern you would like our delegates to address.
- The mobile-friendly [FAFSA](#) now available! The US. Dept. of Education has updated

its website. Go to [myStudentAid](#) to learn more.

- [Changes to Higher Education Regulation](#): In recent news, two higher-ed regulatory changes have been particularly contentious, the [New Institutional Accountability regulations](#) and the [Delay of State Authorization Rules](#). To learn more about each, click [HERE](#).
 - Judge rules Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to be restored. Further, a [GoFundMe](#) and [FWD.us collaboration](#) announced plans to help Dreamers pay for DACA renewal applications. Information on how to sign-up or fund a Dreamer, [HERE](#).
 - Several appropriations bills ([H.R. 6157, FY 2019 minibus](#)) are quickly being passed in both chambers (including a bill for increased NIH funding); however, this may not be enough to prevent a gov't shut-down. Follow all appropriations bills updates [HERE](#).
 - **November 6th Midterm Elections Countdown: T - 53 days!**
 - NC Voter Registration Deadline is *OCTOBER 12*.
 - Find out HOW to register to vote [HERE](#).
 - Find out [WHO](#) is running (just type in your voting address).
 - Look up the Voting Records for current members of Congress [HERE](#).
 - Other Reports & Documents of Interest
 - Urban Institute Report on student debt: "[Underwater on Student Debt](#)"
 - NAGPS bi-weekly "[Legislative Letters 08-27-18](#)"
 - Interested in contributing to the Snapshot? Email gsa-vpexternal@ncsu.edu.
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GSA Awards for Conferences and Travel Assistance

Have you recently traveled to a conference? Are you going to travel to a conference anytime soon? Check out our website to apply for the Fall 2018 GSA Awards for Conferences which could cover up to \$1,500 of the costs of your travel. Also, check out GSA Travel Assistance awards established in collaboration with The Graduate School, which could cover up to \$500 of your travel costs. So what are you waiting for? The deadline for the Fall 2018 awards is approaching on Sept. 21.

[APPLY HERE](#)

Block grants available for interdepartmental events

GSA Block Grants are awarded to support academic activities among graduate students across academic departments at NC State University. The full amount of funding will be awarded to those organizations that demonstrate inter-departmental cooperation and possess great academic value. For eligibility requirements, instructions, and application, please visit the GSA finance webpage.

[Visit GSA Finance Page](#)

Diversity Education Week

The Office for Institutional Equity and Diversity (OIED) invites registered student organizations, university offices, faculty, and academic departments to submit a proposal to host a program during NC State's 9th Annual Diversity Education Week. DEW is a week-long series of programs that reinforce our institutional commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity by highlighting the importance of our diversity and the role it plays in our daily lives. Programs exploring this year's theme, "Who Are We?: Defining the Wolfpack," can be submitted by Thursday 9/27 at 5pm.

Conduct Board Grad Position

Looking for another way to get involved?

You can serve as a graduate representative on the Conduct Board.

1. **Committee Description:** The Conduct Board is responsible for reviewing potential violations of the Code of Student Conduct and educating the Student Body about the policies of the Code. Most notably, Board members serve as hearing officers for cases that could result in Suspension or Expulsion from the University.
2. **Position commitment:** Hearings usually take place Monday and Thursday afternoons beginning at 4 pm. Interest meetings begin in September and the application opens in October. If you are interested, please reach out to Chief Justice Jodi Svetaketu at student-chiefjustice@ncsu.edu.

Discover more about the Conduct Board

Graduate Research Symposium Poster Display

The posters of winners of 13th Annual Graduate Research Symposium are being displayed at the iPearl Immersion Theater of James B. Hunt Library. The posters will be displayed throughout the year. Check them out and learn about the amazing work our graduate students are doing.



Are you a Mom and a doctoral student, a mom scholar?

We want to hear about your experiences! We are currently recruiting full-time; doctoral student who are moms with children ages 0 to 5 to participate in a research study. We want to know about your experiences as both a doctoral student and a mother.

We use the term "Mom Scholars" to broadly refer to those who have the dual role of mothering and attending graduate school. The purpose of this study is to illuminate the experiences of NC State's Mom Scholars with young children.

If you are interested in participating please contact [Andrea DeSantis](mailto:Andrea.DeSantis@ncsu.edu).

Want Something Featured in PawPrints?

Submit your events, news, or relevant piece of Graduate Student info. We would love to celebrate your achievements too. If you have won an award, let us know!

Feedback for GSA Executive Board

Do you have something that you want to tell the Graduate Student Association? What can GSA be doing to better assist graduate students at NC State? Is there an issue that needs fixing?

Submit Here

Let the GSA know by submitting
anonymously through the link below!

Tell GSA

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