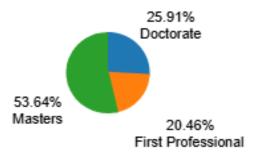


# Graduate Student Council

# WHAT IS GSC?

- The elected representative body for all 19,000+ graduate and professional students.
- A source of information, advocacy, and travel funding.
  - A network for UF graduate students to share resources, build relationships, and enrich their graduate experience at UF.

# **GRADUATE STUDENT ENROLLMENT (2024)**









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#### WHAT DO WE DO?

- Award travel grants
- Monthly meetings (first Wednesday of the month) to disseminate information about upcoming graduate events like socials, workshops, etc.
- Host social events
  - Game Room at Reitz Union
  - Events at Lake Wauburg
  - Collaborate with other RSOs
- Grad Gator Greeting: Graduate Student Assembly (Fall)
- Participate in Graduate Student Appreciation Week (Spring)
- Represent the graduate student voice on campus-wide faculty committees including: Faculty Senate, UF Libraries Committee, and the UF Graduate Council







#### TRAVEL GRANTS

- Award over \$100,000 annually to graduate students for conference and professional development travel.
  - \$400/student/year for domestic travel
  - \$500/student/year for international travel
  - Departmental eligibility required.
- Conduct a double-blind peer-review grants evaluation process each month.







# TRAVEL GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- For your department to become eligible, your department's representative(s) must be present and fill out the attendance form at the end at the end of the General Body Meetings
- Missing two meetings in a year will result in your department losing the ability to apply for travel awards





# TRAVEL GRANT TIMELINE

APPLICATION	DOMESTIC TRAVEL	INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
PERIOD	START DATES	START DATES
July 1 - July 31	Sept 15 - Oct 14	Oct 1 - Nov 30
Aug 1 - Aug 31	Oct 15 - Nov 14	Nov 1 - Dec 31
Sept 1 - Sept 30	Nov 15 - Dec 14	Dec 1 - Jan 31
Oct 1 - Oct 31	Dec 15 - Jan 14	Jan 1 - Feb 28
Nov 1 - Nov 30	Jan 15 - Feb 14	Feb 1 - March 31
Dec 1 - Dec 31	Feb 15 - March 14	March 1 - April 30
Jan 1 - Jan 31	March 15 - April 14	April 1 - May 31
Feb 1 - Feb 28	April 15 - May 14	May 1 - June 30
March 1 - March 31	May 15 - June 14	June 1 - July 22
April 1 - April 30	June 15 - July 22	July 1 - July 22
May 1 - May 31	July 23 - Aug 14	July 23 - Aug 31
June 1 - June 30	Aug 15 - Sept 14	Sept 1 - Oct 31

ALL OF THE TRAVEL DATES ABOVE,
(COLUMNS 2 AND 3)
REFER TO THE CONFERENCE START DATE

# **GSC REPRESENTATION**

 Selecting representatives to attend GSC meetings is done at the department level

- Some department-based Graduate Student
   Organizations have the GSC rep as an elected position
   or as part of the responsibilities of its officers
- Others are by appointment or volunteering





### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

- 1. Become a GSC Department Representative
- 2. Attend our general body meetings that are open to all students
- 3. Join a GSC committee: Social, Grants, and International
- 4. Run for an elected officer position in March
- 5. If available, ask about an appointed officer position
- 6. Attend our exciting social events







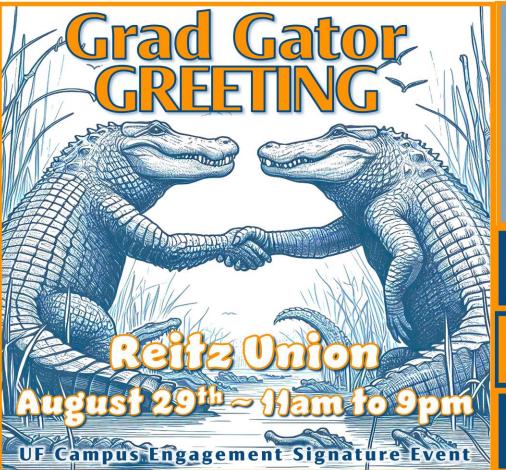








UF Grad Students Register Here!





Organization & Resource Fair
Rion Ballroom 11-2

Graduate Student Assembly
Rion Ballroom 2-5

Gator Games
Reitz Union Game Room 6-9



Registration & Event Page

# **GRAD GATOR GREETING**



**Scan for Event Page** 

 Organization & Resource Fair - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Reitz Union Rion Ballroom

Explore campus organizations and resources available to support your graduate quest. Learn about opportunities to get involved in the UF community. Pick up some Grad Gator swag and register for great give aways.

# **Graduate Student Assembly - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Reitz Union Rion Ballroom**

The Graduate Student Assembly is the highlight of the day. This event is designed to bring together students across disciplines to kick off the academic year with inspiring talks, networking opportunities, and engaging discussions. Enjoy refreshments while meeting fellow grad students, faculty, and student leaders.

Gator Games. 6 to 9 p.m.

Reitz Union Game Room · Reitz Arts & Crafts Center · Reitz Union

Atrium

End your day with Gator Games, a multi-venue event filled with fun and excitement. Join us for games, snacks, and activities. Check in at the Reitz Union Game Room and enjoy free bowling, billiards, and more. Make sure to stop by the ground floor Atrium for body art and a twisty balloon critter.

# Schedule for Fall General Body Meetings

First Wednesday of the month: 5-6 pm

- September 3rd
  - Guest Speaker: Graduate Assistants United,
     Co-President Cassie Urbenz
- 2) October 1st
  - Guest Speaker: Dean of the Graduate School,
     Dr. Nicole Stedman
- 3) November 5th
  - Guest Speaker: TBD
- 4) December 3rd
  - Guest Speaker: TBD



Be on the lookout for an email during the first week of September



#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Website - <a href="https://sg.ufl.edu/resources/gsc/">https://sg.ufl.edu/resources/gsc/</a>

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