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# Love Don't Cost a Thing... But Research and Conferences Do: GSS is Here for You!

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# What is GSS?

- **Graduate Student Senate**

- Seeks to improve graduate student life and research on campus through student initiatives and research grant funding

- **“Senators” represent academic units**

- Academic units are made up of programs
  - Example: Biomedical Sciences = Biological Anthropology, Molecular Biology, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, Physiology
- Knowing the Senator in your academic unit will link you to important graduate student information

# Meet your GSS Executive Board Members:

- **Anna Solberg:**

- Executive chair

- **Victoria Reynolds**

- Vice Executive Chair

- **Srijana Bhandari**

- Symposium Chair

- **Xin Hong**

- Finance Chair

- **Antonio Giorgi**

- Advocacy Chair

- **Grace Murray**

- Information Services Chair

- **Jennifer Mani**

- Administrative Chair

# What do we do?

- **Give opportunities for funding**

- Domestic Travel Award
  - Monday September 2, 2019
  - Monday January 20, 2020
  - Monday June 1, 2020
- International Travel Award
  - Friday October 18th, 2019
  - Friday March 6th, 2020
- Research Award
  - Monday October 14, 2019
  - Monday March 2, 2020

- **Advocate for the general graduate student body**

- Example: lowered Rec Center costs



# Funding

## • Domestic Travel Award

- Eligibility
  - Full time/ part-time students
  - Students are eligible to receive 1 DTA per semester.
- What does this award fund?
  - award requires travel to make a presentation (poster, roundtable, or oral)
  - domestic travel is constrained to travel within the continental US and Canadian Provinces adjacent to the continental US
- How much does this award fund?
  - Flat rate of \$300+
- For more information, visit <https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss-domestic-travel>

## • International Travel Award

- Eligibility
  - Full time/ part-time students
  - Students are eligible to receive 1 ITA per academic year.
- What does this award fund?
  - Overseas travel expenses associated with research and/or professional development outside of the continental US and Canadian provinces not adjacent to the US
    - ex. conferences/workshop presentations; travel to research site; conference/workshop attendance
- How much does this award fund?
  - A competitive award that offers a maximum reimbursement up to \$1,500
- For more information, visit <https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss-international-travel>

# Funding continued...

- **Research Award**

- Eligibility
  - Full time/ part-time students
  - Students are eligible to receive 1 Research Award per year.
- What does this award fund?
  - Research related expenses
    - ex. copying costs, data collection equipment, data analysis software, raw materials, PPE, IRB-approved participant incentives, per diems, training, and research travel expenses.
- How much does this award fund?
  - a competitive award up to \$2,000
- For more information, visit <https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/gss-research-award>

- **Organizational funding**

- undergoing some changes...



# Advocacy

- **At GSS we like to find ways to give back, not only to graduate students, but the community as well**
- **This year:**
  - Books at Work
    - currently working to establish a connection
  - Habitat for Humanity
    - organize an opportunity to volunteer
- **In the past**
  - we have collected books for incarcerated individuals
  - worked with the Rec Center to reduce the price for dissertation II students to use the Rec Center
  - worked with another graduate student to help provide information to students on healthy living and reducing stress



# Graduate Research Symposium

- **Largest annual research event on campus**
  - consistently hosting more than 300 individual presentations for the past three years
- **Features oral and poster presentations by graduate students from a wide variety of disciplines**
- **Faculty serve as judges for groups of presentations sharing similar themes or representing common areas of study**
- **The Symposium is concluded with an awards luncheon which features a keynote address and presentation of awards to exemplary presenters**
  - Opportunity to win awards!
- **We hope you join us for our 35th annual symposium on April 9-10, 2020!**
  - <https://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/research-symposium>

**35<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**  
*Nurturing Students' Research, 35 years and beyond...*



**KENT STATE STUDENT CENTER**  
**APRIL 9-10, 2020**

**Save the Date:**  
**Abstract submission/registration deadline**  
**01/31/2020**

**Symposium Events**  
**APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> -10<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**WIN AWARDS!**

**Keynote speaker:** *Paul J. Anderson*, MD, PhD. Professor, Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital.

**Register at:** <http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/presentation>

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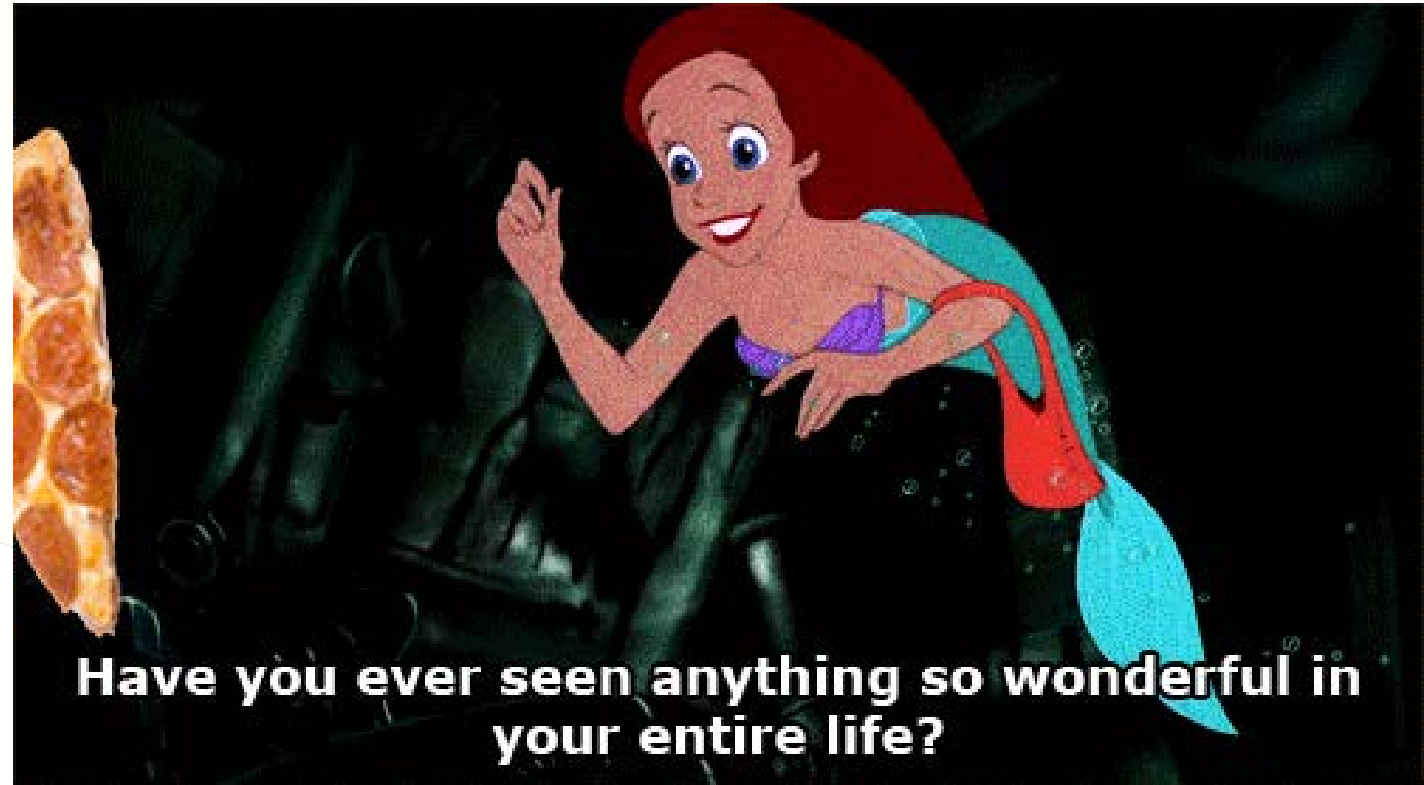
**The Graduate Research Symposium represents the largest research showcase at Kent State. It is designed to provide presentation experience and professional development platform to KSU graduate students. With this goal in mind, registration is non-competitive and we encourage all graduate students from across the departments to register and participate.**

Keep an eye on the Graduate Student Senate webpage for information and updates.

<http://www.kent.edu/graduatestudies/research-symposium>

# Gradfest

- Come for the **FREE** pizza, **stay for the friendships**
- **Friday 8/16 at 6pm**  
**at The Zephyr -**  
**106 W Main St**
- **We have one every month,**  
**check the website & email**



# Becoming a Senator

- **Each College has a senator and an alternative senator**
- **What it means to be a senator?**
  - it is a year long (or more) commitment
  - you must attend each GSS General meeting (or have an alternate do it for you)
  - take notes and email them out to the other graduate students in your college (using a listserv)
  - you must sit on a committee
  - enjoy FREE food

- **Sitting on committees**

- Each senator must sit on one committee
- It can be a committee in GSS, like a award review committee
- it can be a university committee, like faculty senate
- ask your GSS e-board which committees need representation

## How to become a senator

- visit the GSS website and see if your college has a senator
- if yes, email them and ask to be the alternate
- if no, reach out to the E-Board

# Becoming an Executive Board Member

- Any Kent State graduate student can run for any position
  - Positions are outlined in the GSS bylaws
    - You can find these on our main page
  - You may also email any current member with questions and for clarification
  - The new Board will officially begin their term at the General Senate meeting in the Spring semester
  - Terms last one year
- The Division of Graduate Studies will send out an email called, **The Grad Chronicle**, with more information on nominations and running for an Executive Board Member position.
    - More information on GSS elections will be sent out typically in March.

# How to Contact GSS

## For general questions

- Contact Jennifer Mani
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**Thank You. Questions?**

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