

NMSU GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

2022-2023 REPORT



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This year

WE HAVE REBUILT AND REVISED

GSC has heard the voices of its students and pushed to make changes that include and encourage ALL graduate students while pursuing our mission of representing and supporting the research, innovations, and teaching of graduate students at New Mexico State University.

From hosting Graduate Student International Townhalls to providing opportunities for students to show off and share their valuable research by taking part in events such as GRAS and Research and Creativity Week Lightning Talks, GSC has observed and values the multidisciplinary talent of the students who continuously contribute to making NMSU and the surrounding community a place of continued growth and prosperity. In addition, GSC has amended its bylaws to make funding an easier and more fluid process for the students who seek assistance.

GSC was allocated a \$44,000 budget from ASNMSU for the 2022-2023 FY. Of these funds, \$34,000 comprises research and travel reimbursements for graduate students, while the other \$10,000 is for the purpose of curating events that engages and provides graduate students with memorable experiences to enhance their university experience while easing some of the stress that can accompany navigating the Masters and Doctoral programs.



RESEARCH & TRAVEL: BY THE NUMBERS

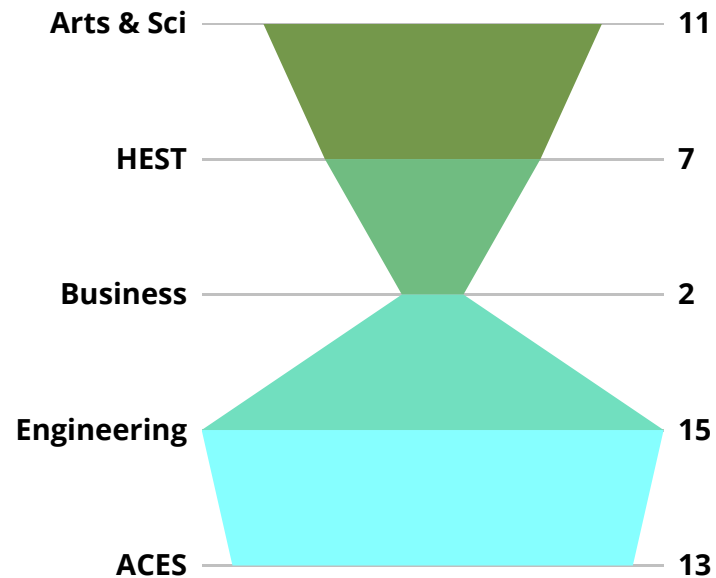
As of the end of the summer 2023 semester, GSC has funded 48 graduate students and 6 GSOs, allowing them to travel out of state to present their research and represent NMSU on national and international levels, as well as hold dazzling campus events that promote advocacy and education. This inclusion of travel and event holding aligns with the four goals of NMSU's strategic plan, LEADS 2025, and supports the university's move toward Carnegie R1 status, as well as maintaining its current Carnegie R2 status.

Honoring this goal, GSC has strived to maintain a sufficient stream of funding to graduate students who seek our financial support. \$21,646.12 has been approved and provided to graduate students and GSOs to reimburse them for their travel and research endeavors and events so far - with more requests currently pending approval for the fall 2023 semester.

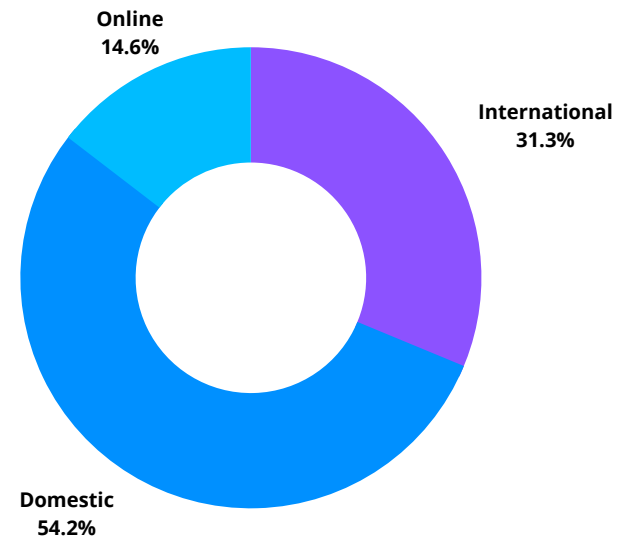
In addition to funding conference travel, a recent GSC initiative provided graduating GSO members who will be earning their Masters and Doctoral degrees the opportunity to have the cost of printing their thesis/dissertation fully covered. GSC was able to aid 20 graduate students with the chance to have the culmination of their research placed in print.

GSC strives to open opportunities to commend the work of its graduate students to the highest degree possible through recognition and support. More reimbursement requests are set to trickle in as graduate students travel for research purposes throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

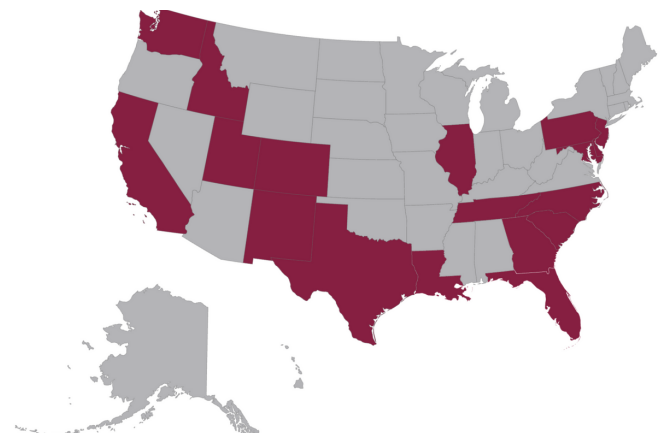
GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS FUNDED (BY COLLEGE)



STATUS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS FUNDED



LOCATIONS TRAVELED TO BY STUDENTS



• ONE STUDENT TRAVELED TO CROATIA



EVENTS: OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

During the 2023-2024 school year, GSC held a total of 10 events, fully utilizing every cent of the \$10,000 budget allotted.

These events are:

- Morning Joe (co-sponsored with Graduate Wellness Initiative)
- Trivia Night (part of Aggie Kick-off)
- International Student Town Hall
- Graduate Arts & Research Symposium (awarding \$8,000 in scholarships)
- Halloween Howl
- Research and Creativity Week
- Graduate Student Town Hall
- Gradulicious
- Finals Coffee Hour
- Finals Shaved Ice

It should be noted that the GSC's Town Halls have resulted in:

- 1) Free buses throughout the city of Las Cruces
- 2) The opportunity for extended stays in student housing.

All events were successful and positive feedback was received from graduate students and community members alike, noting their appreciation of events being consistently held that encourage making one's voice heard and allowed a moment to decompress from the weight of balancing school, work, research, etc.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: 2023-2024 FOCUS AREAS

outreach
advocacy
accessibility
committees
inclusion
camaraderie
events
equity
growth
expansion
values
transparency
service
funding

