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### Mission Statement

The University of Louisville Graduate Student Council commits to serve as a governing body, to provide a voice to all graduate students, to promote academic research, and to facilitate leadership opportunities.

# Graduate Student Council Spring Newsletter

## GRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE & 3-MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION

Submit by Feb. 17, 2017

### RESEARCH FUND

The Graduate Student Council wants to support you in your research endeavors. Apply to the Research fund today and receive up to \$500 towards your research project. This fund is intended to assist graduate students with expenses such as equipment costs, acquiring data sets, etc.

The 2017 Graduate Research Conference and 3-Minute Thesis Competition will be held on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25. The theme of this year's conference is "Engaging Scholarship" to connect the many ways academia is meaningful beyond a classroom. Submission deadlines for both paper and poster presentations and the 3-Minute Thesis are February 17th, 2017. Submit paper or poster presentations at [louisville.edu/graduate/gsc/forms/2017-conference](http://louisville.edu/graduate/gsc/forms/2017-conference).

## 3-MINUTE THESIS COMPETITION

Applications Due by  
Feb. 17, 2017

Perfect your elevator pitch.  
Refine your presentation skills.  
Transform into an expert in public speaking.  
Compete in the 2017 3-Minute Thesis Competition.  
Wow at your next conference.



The **University Writing Center graduate student writing group** provides a regular setting where graduate students have a focused time and space for writing. The Spring 2017 grad student writing group will meet every few weeks on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. in the University Writing Center, on the 1st floor of Ekstrom Library. Contact Jessie Newman, Assistant Director for Graduate Student Writing, at [jessica.newman.1@louisville.edu](mailto:jessica.newman.1@louisville.edu).

**Submit your name to the SGA ballot before February 6th here.**

This year these GSC offices will be elected through the SGA election: President, External Vice President, Internal Vice President, Director Finance, & Director of Communication. These offices also serve as graduate representatives to the SGA Senate.

**WHY DO YOU DONATE YOUR TIME TO GSC?**



Luis Cardona, Senator-at-Large

"I donate my time to GSC because I want to reciprocate all the efforts of fellow students to improve the well-being of the graduate student community of UofL. But really, it is because it is a lot of fun."



The funds for the 2016-17 **GSC travel fund** have been exhausted. GSC is accepting applications for the wait list on a first come, first serve basis.



**WHAT IS THE EXTERNAL VP'S ROLE?**

"I lead all of our GSC meetings as well as coordinate (with the help of an awesome committee) the events for all graduate students to attend. The largest portion of my time goes to the Halloween Party in the fall and the Graduate Research Conference in the spring!"



Megan Robinson, External Vice President



**Educational Outreach**

events are interdepartmental events to brainstorm, host a writing workshop and more. To submit an Education Outreach Event, click [here](#).



A huge THANK YOU to the 2016-17 GSC Representatives! (Pictured at the December GSC Meeting above.)

**WHAT ADVANTAGES ARE THERE TO SERVING AS A GSC OFFICER?**

"You can gain a much better understanding of the operations at the university and good experience with leadership and organization. You will meet and work with some amazing individuals that keep you inspired and you will build your confidence in your ability to problem solve."



Lily Assgari, Director of Travel