



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Graduate Student Association

March Update for University Council

General Organizational Updates

- The GSA Council approved a resolution calling for the adoption of revised Bylaws that will be forwarded to all eligible Graduate and Professional students for consideration. We are excited to provide all graduate and professional students with greater transparency of how the GSA operates.

Elections & Organizational Transitions

- GSA is gearing up for our Spring 2025 election! All graduate and professional students were emailed information about our self-nomination form and two information sessions will take place.
- All eligible graduate and professional students will cast their votes for GSA's new leadership in the next few weeks. Ballots will be sent directly to graduate and professional students.
- We will also be reaching out to Graduate Coordinators and/or College Deans to recruit new graduate and professional students to serve as members of our council.

Programming Updates

- As a follow-up to our recent financial planning workshop, we partnered with the UGA Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program to provide graduate and professional students with an opportunity to have their tax returns prepared for free.
- We are currently working towards development of an alumni panel designed for doctoral students interested in non-academic careers. We're leveraging connections in Development and Alumni Relations (DAR) and the UGA Graduate School to help us identify panelists.
- GSA has also agreed to co-sponsor an event that is being put on by the UGA Graduate School.
- We are also currently thinking through the logistics of two spring programs—one of which we're hoping will take place at the UGA Golf Course!

Advocacy Updates

- While we are distinctly aware of the current sociopolitical and economic tensions of graduate student funding, members of the GSA Council are planning to review and discuss a resolution regarding compensation and benefits for graduate assistants. We believe the resolution will provide guidance to university administration when conditions are better.

Further questions regarding the Graduate Student Association may be directed to the President at gsa@uga.edu.