



On behalf of the Graduate Student Association, I'm Ankush Sharma, honored to serve as the newly elected President for GSA and grateful for the opportunity to support and represent nearly 10,000 graduate students across the University of Georgia. I look forward to building on the strong foundation laid by previous leadership while continuing to advocate for the needs, well-being, and success of our graduate community.

Over the past two fiscal years, we've focused on being intentional with our resources prioritizing student-facing initiatives, maintaining a low cost per participant, and expanding opportunities for graduate student engagement.

This year alone, we've hosted nine social and community-building events, many of which exceeded expected attendance. Events like our Grad Social and Grad Bowl brought together large numbers of students, even when attendance tracking didn't fully capture the turnout.

We've also made meaningful investments in student success. In partnership with UGA Libraries, we expanded access to Adobe Creative Cloud licenses and secured free qualitative data analysis tools resources that directly support graduate research and academic work.

Student well-being has remained a central focus. Our well-being survey, with over 400 respondents, has helped us better understand student needs and shape future programming. Initiatives like summer swimming lessons at Ramsey Student Center received overwhelmingly positive feedback, particularly from international students, and have become an important part of how we support the graduate community.

Collaboration has been key to everything we've accomplished. We've worked closely with campus partners such as Health Promotion, Student Care and Outreach, and UGA Libraries, as well as departmental GSAs, to create programs that are both meaningful and accessible to a wide range of students.

As we continue this work, we remain committed to strengthening connections across campus, expanding opportunities for engagement, and supporting the overall well-being and success of graduate students at UGA.

Thank you for your time and for your continued support of the graduate student community.

