



Council of Graduate Students

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Points of Pride

- Facilitated Increase of Minimum GA stipend to \$1150/month
- Fostered the creation of a university-wide Graduate Associates' Compensation and Benefits Committee
- Secured pre-tax payroll deduction for insurance premiums
- Contribution of nearly \$75,000 to funding graduate student research and professional goals
- Meet with Congressional representatives annually, State representatives regularly
- Provides input on almost every decision affecting graduate students at Ohio State!

One Sentence Statement

The Council of Graduate Students advocates for the continual improvement of graduate student experiences by ensuring that student voices are heard at The Ohio State University and beyond.

Elevator Speech

Our purpose is to work towards the continual improvement of graduate student experiences, and work towards making graduate student life the best it can be. The Council of Graduate Students is comprised of Officers, Senators, Delegates and Members who serve as staunch advocates during university policy-making decisions. Additionally, our competitive funding programs and social awareness programs support the personal and professional development of all graduate students. Outside of our University, we promote graduate student interests to state and national legislators and leaders along with graduate students across the United States.

Expanded Vision Statement

CGS is the official branch of student government that represents every graduate student at the main and branch campuses. Over 55 years old, our main purpose is to work towards the continual improvement of graduate student experiences at the Ohio State University. One of the largest and greatest graduate student governments in the country, the Council is comprised of Officers, Delegates, and Members who serve as staunch advocates during university policy-making decisions.

Delegates are elected from every graduate program and are responsible for communicating concerns and representing the opinions and interests of their constituents at the monthly CGS Delegate Meetings. Senators are elected from each of the 10 academic areas and are responsible for crafting, debating and voting on legislation brought before the University Senate. Officers are elected by the Council to lead and implement CGS policy.

The CGS advocates for constituents in many ways. Our competitive funding programs and "graduate-only" social events support the personal and professional development of any graduate students. CGS Representation on numerous University committees ensures that the Council influences University policy. Interaction with local, state and national leaders ensures that graduate student views and thoughts reach the highest levels.

The council interacts with graduate students in many ways. Delegates, and members bring the views and opinions of their constituents to the Council. Funding and social programs also provide a direct way of interaction.

The scope of areas in which the Council influences policy is vast. From OSU football tickets to University government relations, from library IT to the evaluation of central administration, the CGS, and graduate students, has a voice. Of course, there are many more areas in which CGS is active.