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The Graduate Student Association (GSA) - UW represents graduate students and their interests and works to improve the graduate student experience through service provision, partnerships, and advocacy.

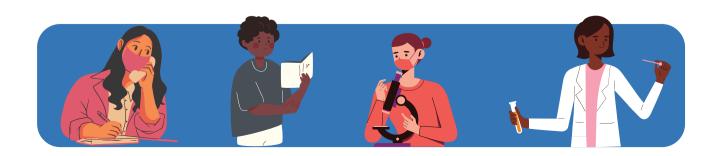
This report provides a high-level summary of our activities in Fall 2021.



In November 2021, the GSA Executive and Management Team got together for a staff retreat at the Graduate House

On the GSA-UW website (gsauw.ca), students can find information on our guiding principles, Political Positions, staff, governance structure, services, events, and ways to get involved!

Our reports can be found at: www.gsauw.ca/news/kips







Events

The GSA-UW hosts events and activities for graduate students. Our current ongoing series of events are #PoliticsToday, Building Your Career (Remotely), BIPOC Student Collective (every month), Candid Talks with Grads, and International Student Hangouts (every month). Keep an eye out for invites in our monthly newsletters and social media platforms. We also held events under the themes of UW Policies, Representation, UW Committees, Departamental GSAs and Labour advocacy.

















Governance

Board of Directors

In September, the Board filled four vacancies by appointing Directors from a pool of applicants.

The Council

With the help of the Elections and Engagement Coordinators, the Council elected 19 new members

Communications

Newsletter

The GSA distributes a monthly newsletter with services and events updates

Social Media

We post on several social media platforms, with accounts for the GSA and the Graduate House!

Event Recordings

Missed an event? Check out recordings of several events on the GSA Youtube!









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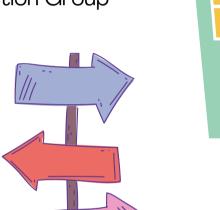
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Advocacy Initiatives



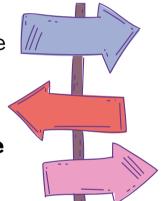
Affordable Housing Initiative

Started hiring for Housing Research and Action Group



Ombuds Office Plan

Coordinate with WUSA and the Graduate Student Relations Committee



GSA Resources for Graduate **Student Workers**

Resources created by Labour Coordinator, hosted on GSA website



GSA Philanthropy Initiative Fund Nominations

Voting through December



Organize UW

Event and communications collaborations



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Equity

Equity Plan Phase 2 underway

BIPOC Student Collective

Held 11 events over the term



For Graduate Student Parents and Caretakers



Safe Love Week 2022

Planning



Partnerships

Indigenous Research Guide

Collaboration with UW Library and the Office of Research





Queer Trans Wellness (QTWell)

New group-based counselling service developed by UW Campus Wellness and GSA

Statement of Positionality

Collaboration with the Writing and Communication Centre

New Workshop: **Statements of Positionality**







Community

International Graduate Student Discord

Online Discord community



BIPOC Student Collective

Online Discord community and

in-person events



Self-Care Sunday

GSA Social media posts on Wellness and Selfcare themes



Departmental GSA support

Workshops and socials for strategizing effective DGSA engagement

Community Strolls

Outdoor COVID-safe social events by the Wellness Coordinator

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Graduate House





Hired Cook Expand GH menu options and customer capacity

Live Music Afternoons

Featured 3 musicians over term to accompany in-person dining



Holiday Feast

Special meal for the holidays, sold out!

Chalice of Champions Complimentary thesiscompletion celebration at the Graduate House

