What is it like to be a member of the APA Graduate Student Council?

GSC members serve in a volunteer position that requires time, energy, ideas, responsiveness, and commitment.

By agreeing to serve on the American Philosophical Association (APA) Graduate Student Council (GSC), you make a commitment to representing graduate student interests in APA leadership. This entails participating fully in the governance of the GSC as well as within appropriate committees and subcommittees. You agree to give the association significant time, energy, and effort and to act in the interest of the GSC and APA in all duties of membership.

The GSC is a particularly active and collaborative group and members should expect to dedicate approximately 5 hours a month to GSC work. GSC members who fail to maintain their active status as a council member may be removed.

The GSC expects all members to meet certain standards, such as:

- Preparing for and attending meetings 10 months out of the year
- Working directly on at least two projects per year
- Contributing ideas and feedback to projects the GSC undertakes and events the GSC organizes
- Responding to email and communication in a timely manner
- Representing the GSC in liaison positions to APA committees and at APA-sponsored events
- Holding officer positions within the GSC and/or participating in subcommittees and internal organizing of the GSC
- Being active in the GSC Slack workspace
- Maintaining active APA membership
- Following APA bylaws and GSC guidelines in all GSC activities

Serving on the GSC is important, challenging and rewarding work that allows you to have a real impact on the profession.

We take our work very seriously while maintaining an atmosphere of collegiality, collaboration, and mutual support.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions:
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