Divya Sharma

Divya was awarded first prize for poster presentations for two consecutive years at AAPS-NDSU Pharmaceutical Research Symposium for research on improving insulin delivery for people with type 1 diabetes.

Sujitha Soundararajan

Sujitha received the Wesley W. Horner Award for the paper “Risk and Reliability Analysis of Multibarrier System for Near-Surface Disposal Facilities” during the EWRI World Congress in Sacramento, CA in May.

Jashandeep Kaur

Jashandeep is a master’s student in the soil sciences department. In the past year, she received three scholarships: the Ben Hoag Memorial Scholarship, the Mary C. Schuh Memorial Scholarship, and the Roy A. Erickson Scholarship.

Rahul Raj Sing

Rahul won a travel grant from the honor society Phi Kappa Phi, which is only awarded to 80 people nationwide. Rahul will use the grant to attend the annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research in Chicago next year.

Shrinidh Joshi

Shrinidh received an Oral Presentation Award at the AAPS-NDSU 4th Annual Research Symposium in September; the Dean’s Scholarship Award, College of Health Professions in July; the ASPET Mentoring Network: Coaching for Career Development Award in April; and an Oral Presentation Award: second rank in the ASPET Division of Cardiovascular Pharmacology Trainee Showcase Competition, Experimental Biology, in April.

Robert Foresman

Robert received two awards this year: he was selected as the 2017-2018 Mari Sandoz Scholar by the Mari Sandoz High Plains Heritage Society and he was awarded the Alfred D. Bell Grant by the Forest History Society.

Kelsey Earle

Kelsey participated in the International Summer School (ISS) conference on Synchrony at Michigan State University this summer. She presented her research proposal as an interactive poster session and then worked with top scholars in her field to examine research design and to think about future research directions. She was able to enhance her proposal and ultimately used the group’s feedback to help construct her thesis. This year ISS is on Trust and will be held in Münster, Germany. She sincerely hopes to attend again this year.

Corina Todoran

Corina is a doctoral candidate in the School of Education and received the NDSU’s College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for the 2017-18 academic year.
Fall Semester’s GSC Events

August 21: Graduate Students’ Fall Welcome Event
GSC hosted an ice cream social to welcome graduate students back to campus for the new academic year

September 27: Challenges of Graduate Education: Perspectives on Communication and Leadership
A panel of faculty members provided insight through discussion and activities about how to interact with faculty and colleagues in a professional environment
Recording: https://goo.gl/THgx4H

October 25: Panel on Advisor-Advisee Relationship
A panel of faculty members addressed common student questions about how to have a productive relationship with your advisor

November 16: Writing Your Disquisition
Representatives from the Graduate School and student panelists discussed how to successfully navigate the disquisition process
Recording: https://goo.gl/XNcVZs

Graduate Student Council Second Annual Research Symposium
April 6, 2018; MU Ballroom
Poster Presentations (8:30-10:00AM – tentative)
Oral Presentations (10:00AM-2:00PM – tentative, including lunch break)
Cash awards for presenters
Lunch provided for presenters

This is a great opportunity for you to present your research in a friendly setting!
Call for abstract submissions starts December 15. January 31st is the abstract submission deadline.
Check our Facebook page for updates: https://www.facebook.com/ndsugsc/
Updates on the Tax Bill: How does it affect grad students?

United States’ higher education system has a long and rich history that has contributed to its leadership in creativity and innovation on the world stage. In order to continue this tradition of intellectual leadership, universities needs to be financially sustainable, and capable to attract the best and the brightest minds. However, two different versions of tax reform bills have recently been passed by both the US House of Representatives and Senate. Both these bills have raised huge concerns in academic institutions across the nation. These concerns include but are not limited to taxing the tuition waivers for students, taxing the universities’ endowment funds and charitable donations.

NDSU’s Graduate Student Council (GSC) identified these concerns at an early stage and assessed their impact on graduate students. The GSC leadership reached out to its constituents to educate them about this situation. Students were encouraged to write letters and make calls to their Senators and Representatives conveying their concerns. GSC’s efforts were directly in line with the NDSU faculty and administration initiatives, where Graduate Council members and NDSU’s Provost also wrote letters to ND Senators Heitkamp and Hoeven, and Representative Cramer, highlighting the impact of this Bills’ relevant clauses on their students. The North Dakota Students Association (NDSA) also unanimously passed a resolution conveying the same concerns.

The House and Senate will be working on both versions of the tax reform bills; thus, how this will unfold in the future is yet unclear. While taking into consideration all these uncertainties, graduate students are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Claudia Tomany, Dean of the Graduate School, for any concerns they may have regarding Spring enrollment.

About Graduate Student Council

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) is the representative voice of graduate students from all academic disciplines at North Dakota State University.

The GSC works together with academic and non-academic employees of NDSU toward improving and maintaining the graduate student body academic and non-academic experiences at NDSU.

You can get involved with the Graduate Student Council by:
- Joining a GSC committee
- Attending GSC meetings
- Taking advantage of GSC programs
The GSC has four different committees, each with specific goals to serve the graduate student body.

**Strategic Planning Committee**
Addresses issues related to the graduate student population at NDSU, reviews and updates all Graduate Student Council documentation.
Lindsey Leitner, Kenechukwu Ezekwem

**Governance and Finance Committee**
Supports the budgetary planning and financial infrastructure of the GSC and its committees.
Andrew Taylor, Logeeshan Velmanickam

**Public Relations and Outreach Committee**
Enhances communication among graduate students across the NDSU community through social and university media for the purposes of advertising, marketing, event coordination, and promoting workshops and forums.
Amanda Savitt, Seseer Mou

**Programming and Professional Development Committee**
Develops programs and carries out event planning and logistics related to programming. Events include both social functions to provide connection and support among graduate students, as well as professional development opportunities for students to enhance learning and networking engagements.
Karina Stott, Alex Cyusa, Priyanka Swami, Abdulaziz Alanazi

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