



GSO NEWSLETTER

Upcoming GSO Deadlines and Meetings:

2/6: G&A Feb. Letters of
Recommendation Due

2/13: General Assembly Meeting,
Campus Center 309/310, 6-8 PM

2/27: G&A March Applications
Due;
Executive Council Meeting,
Hemenway 212, 6-8 PM

3/5: G&A March Letters of
Recommendation Due

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Message from the Diversity Committee Chair

Aloha Mai Kākou,

At the beginning of May I will be stepping down from my position as Diversity Chair, and I want to thank everyone at GSO for making my experience wonderful! I truly hope I can serve again after a few semesters of comps and other milestones in my Ph.D. are behind me, and again have time to give my energy to on-campus service.

For any graduate students who are considering a position with the GSO Executive Council, I hope you will go for it! Even though it is a time commitment, any position (there are so many awesome ones!) is truly an opportunity to enhance your time here on campus and can be as fun and impactful as you choose to make it.

As Diversity Chair, some of my favorite experiences have been planning events, such as a Consent Workshop in Spring 2019, and our GSO Community workdays in Fall 2019 and again this semester just a few days ago! I also have gotten to meet some amazing people in my role, and have been truly humbled by the work that these folks are able to do to help our community on top of the strenuous day-to-day marathon of being a grad student. And don't forget that serving as a department rep is a great way to be of service, and support your classmates, just by showing up to meetings once a month, enjoying a free meal, and advocating for your peers to get funding for their research projects and conference travel!

If you are interested in this position, please feel free to email me at mhou@hawaii.edu and I would be happy to tell you more about the position and answer any questions.

Keep your eyes open for the Therapy Dogs on campus again this semester, and more great events brought to you by GSO!

Mahalo Nui-

Maria Teresa

Join the GSO Executive Council!

Positions Open Now:

Events Committee Chair

The Events Chair is tasked with organizing social events for the graduate student body. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Organizing a monthly coffee hour
- Organizing at least 2 events per semester (such as a pau hana, volunteer events, trivia, etc.)
- Working with other chairs and organizations to plan and advertise events
- Attending monthly GSO and committee meetings

Employment & Compensation Committee Chair

The Employment and Compensation Chair's main focus is to increase Graduate Assistant pay and benefits, and oversee the improvement of working conditions, through engagement, investigation, documentation and reporting to the Executive Council. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Acting as the liaison between the Academic Labor United (ALU), the leading graduate student labor organization on campus, and GSO
- Attending ALU meetings and reporting to the Executive Council.
- Attending monthly GSO meetings

Position Opening in April/May:

Diversity Committee Chair

The Diversity Chair will provide support for Native Hawaiian concerns and initiatives along with concerns and initiatives concerning other under-represented voices on our campus which include but are not limited to: women, the LGBTQ+ community, other indigenous peoples, minority groups, and undocumented students. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Serving as the GSO representative on various committees (Mānoa Commission on Inclusion and Diversity, Campus Climate Committee)
- Building coalition with diversity-minded groups on campus (La Raza Unida, Black Student Association, Ethnic Studies Student Association, Oceania Rising, Micronesian Connections, etc.)
- Attending monthly GSO and committee meetings

**Contact gso@hawaii.edu to apply
or find out more!**

Student Events



***The Mountaintop* at TAG**

UH graduate student Ron Heller is directing *The Mountaintop* for TAG (The Actors' Group), at the Brad Powell Theatre, opening February 14, 2020.

Written by Katori Hall, *The Mountaintop* is an imagined version of the last night in the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. The theatre is in the Shops at Dole Cannery building, 650 Iwilei Road.

Performances are Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm, from Feb. 14 through March 8. General Admission \$30, Seniors \$25, Students & Military \$20. For tickets and/or information, call TAG at (808) 722-6941 or go to www.taghawaii.net.

2020-2021 Elections Coming Soon!

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

GSO will be forming an Elections Committee in February, and floor nominations for the above positions will be accepted at the March General Assembly Meeting on 3/12

2020 Merit Based Awards

In order to promote outstanding graduate student work at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the Graduate Student Organization (GSO) announces the annual Merit Based Awards to recognize graduate student excellence in Diversity, Mentorship, Research, Service and Outreach, and Teaching. These awards fund up to two (2) students in each category for a total of ten (10) awards, each in the amount of \$5,000.

Please see the GSO website (gso.hawaii.edu) for the Call for Proposals, Program Policies, and Application Review Criteria.

The application submission form will open on February 9th and will close on March 22nd. Letters of recommendation are due by March 29th.

Winners will be announced in April. If you are interested in serving as a peer reviewer, please contact Emilee Turner at gsomerit@hawaii.edu

Graduate Division Workshops

- February 5th, 3-4 PM: Pathways to Wellness Webinar
- February 6th, 3-4 PM, Kuykendall 306: Tackling the Lit Review
- February 10th, 3-4 PM: Intro to Publishing Webinar
- February 20th, 3-4 PM: How to Get Published in Journals Webinar
- March 5th, 3-4 PM: Publishing Beyond Grad School Webinar

Register here at: <https://tinyurl.com/yx4t5f8g>

Upcoming External Opportunities

2021 Knauss Fellowship:

Are you a graduate student with an interest in ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources, and in the national policy decisions affecting those resources? If so, consider applying for the Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, a one year paid fellowship where highly qualified graduate students are matched with hosts in the legislative and executive branches of the U.S. government. Knauss fellows receive a \$47,500 stipend for the length of their fellowship (12 months).

Application Deadline: Feb. 21, 2020, 5 pm

For more information please visit <http://seagrant.noaa.gov/Knauss> or contact Hawai'i Sea Grant Program Leader, Maya Walton (waltonm@hawaii.edu, 808-956-6992).

The Reid Richards Foundation Kamakaho'ohie Scholarship:

This is a family foundation dedicated to helping other families who have suffered the loss of a parent or primary caretaker. This loss often results in financial hardship that can limit the potential achievements for many young people. To alleviate the financial burden, the Reid J.K. Richards Foundation has established the Kamakaho'ohie Scholarship. The Kamakaho'ohie Scholarship will provide financial support to bereaved individuals up to the age of 25. The purpose of the scholarship is to help these young people in achieving their academic goals through financial assistance.

Application Deadline: March 1

For more information please visit reidrichardsfoundation.com or contact info@reidrichardsfoundation.com

AAUW Honolulu Career and Leadership Development Grant:

Are you a working woman seeking to enhance and improve your career? Are you a graduate student or early career academic looking to share your research with colleagues at conferences? If the high cost of conferences, meetings, seminars and certifications are holding you back from advancing in your industry, apply for an AAUW Honolulu Career and Leadership Development Grant!

Application Deadline: March 15

For details and submission, please visit <https://honolulu-hi.aauw.net/2018/05/14/career-and-leadership-development-grant/>