Aloha mai kākou,
Welcome (back) to UHM! This is a year unlike any other, but GSO is still providing grant opportunities, hosting social events, and advocating for grad student voices on campus – all virtually! Here are some things GSO is doing this semester:

1) Holding monthly General Assembly and Grants & Awards meetings – Our meetings have moved to Zoom, and, as always, are open to everyone! Join us to find out more about what the GSO Executive Council has been working on each month and to share any of your ideas, concerns, or events with other attendees. While not many people are traveling nowadays, the Grants & Awards Program still provides funding for professional development and research activities, whether virtual or in-person. We are also look for a new Grants & Awards Chair – apply by 9/5!

2) Hosting monthly virtual game nights and other events – A new game each month! In August we played Drawasaurus, and this month we will battle it out on Let's Roam. Keep an eye out for events focused on self-care, professional development, and other topics coming soon!

3) Developing a grad worker sick leave policy with admin – It is high-time that graduate student employees have an official sick leave policy, rather than the piecemeal and informal ‘policies’ currently in place in some units. It will protect graduate student employees when the COVID-19 sick leave policies expire.

4) Representing grad student concerns at campus/System meetings – GSO Executive Council members serve as representatives on many campus- and System-wide groups, including Student Caucus, Provost’s Council, Graduate Council, and the Mānoa Reorg teams. We are a bridge between University Administration and UHM graduate students. If you have questions or concerns about university plans, policies, and procedures that impact you and your fellow graduate students, please share them with us at gso.hawaii.edu. You can also reach me specifically at gsopres@hawaii.edu.

I am honored to serve the Mānoa graduate student community. I wish you all good health, safety, and success this semester.

With gratitude,
Maura Stephens-Chu (GSO President)
Important Dates

Sept 1: Last Day to Change/Add/Drop Courses
Sept 3: Stress Management During COVID-19 (3-4:30pm, Link to Register)
Sept 7: Labor Day (non-instructional day)
Sept 10: Grants & Awards Applications Due

**Sept 11: Last day to File Application for Fall Graduation**
Sept 17: Grants & Awards Letter of Recommendation Due

Executive Council Meeting
(September 10th, 6PM)

General Assembly
(September 24th, 6PM)

Click for Zoom Link

**GAME NIGHT**
(September 25th, 6PM)
Click for "LetsRoam" Link

Upcoming Events.

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$ FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES $

GRANTS & AWARDS
GRANTS & AWARDS ARE PROVIDED TO SUPPORT GRADUATE STUDENTS IN ATTENDING PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES, RESEARCH TRAVEL/MATERIALS, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCES.

Q: Who is eligible to apply?
A: Any applicant who pays the Graduate Student Organization Student Fee is eligible for funding.

Q: How do I apply?
A: Fill out an application on our website; there are monthly application cycles. September applications are due on September 10th. (Link to apply)

For more info, please visit our "Funding Opportunities" page.

UHM Graduate Student Organization
We want to hear from you...

Graduate Employee Sick Leave: Do you have any ideas or suggestions to help develop an employee sick leave policy? Email gsoemp@hawaii.edu

GSO Events - Virtual Style: Let us know if you have any ideas on how to connect and build a community during COVID-19! Email gsoevent@hawaii.edu

Reopening Concerns (COVID-19): Please let us know if you have unaddressed concerns regarding the University’s COVID-19 reopening strategies (e.g. work, personal, health & safety, etc.). Email gso@hawaii.edu

Feature Friday (GSO Social Media): If you are (or someone you know is) doing something awesome in the community, courses, or on campus, please let us know so we can share on our social media! Email gsoinfo@hawaii.edu

Feedback for GSO? Feedback on the newsletter? Any questions/concerns? Email gsoinfo@hawaii.edu!

Meet our new Executive Council member:

Nathalie Rita
Merit Based Awards Chair

"My name is Nathalie Rita, and I am a PhD Candidate in Sociology at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where my research focuses on Migration and Mobility Studies, Race and Ethnicity, and Urban Sociology. I was honored to be a recipient of a GSO MBA award during the 2019-2020 academic year, so it is a privilege to give back to GSO by becoming MBA chair for the 2020-2021 year. I am really looking forward to learning about all the accomplishments of UHM graduate students!"
General Assembly

How to Zoom

Keep your microphone muted if you are not speaking
Check-in via Google Form (found in Zoom chat & Agenda)
EC/Program Reps vote by clicking "Participants" then selecting aye (green), nay (red), or abstain (coffee cup)
To ask a question, either "raise your hand" by clicking "Participants" then selecting the hand button or enter your question into the chat

Grants & Awards Chair (Apply by September 5th)
The Grants & Awards Chair will run the Grants & Awards Program and act as the liaison between the G&A Program and the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa graduate student community. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Interpreting and updating G&A Program Policies and Procedures
- Responding to any inquiries submitted to gsogachr@hawaii.edu
- Resolving any conflicts or complaints that may arise that are directly related to the G&A Program
- Acting as G&A Program Manager, should the need arise
- Attending monthly GSO General Assembly and Executive Council meetings
- Setting up the Zoom breakout rooms for G&A funding decision meetings

Email gso@hawaii.edu to apply!