

GSC Community Summit

The Graduate Student Congress (GSC) will be hosting a virtual Community Summit on Monday, August 3, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST). The purpose of this summit is to bring together representatives from all Graduate and Professional Student Organizations (GPSOs) across campus to discuss the different funding options available to GPSOs, develop online leadership and organizational management skills, and encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and support among graduate and professional student and postdoc organizations at the University of Kentucky.

GPSO Representatives who attend the Community Summit will get to hear from and ask questions of a variety of individuals and organizations across UK's campus who actively support the needs and interests of graduate and professional students and postdocs, including the:

- Graduate Student Congress (GSC)
- Office of Graduate Student Professional Enhancement (GPSE) in the Graduate School
- Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives (CGPDI) in the Graduate School
- Office of International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) in the International Center (IC)
- Student Organizations and Activities (SOA) in the Dean of Students Office
- Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT) in the Provost Office of Teaching, Learning, Academic Innovation

The morning sessions are targeted specifically toward identity-based GPSOs – such as GPSOs for graduate students of color, international graduate students, or LGBTQIA+ graduate students, among others – while the afternoon sessions are open to all degree program/department-based GPSOs. GPSO Representatives are invited to attend as many virtual sessions as they see fit but are especially encouraged to attend the two sessions right after lunch regarding the GPSO master calendar and registering for GSC GPSO funding. **Here is a tentative schedule:**

10:00 a.m. Welcome & Introductions

10:15 a.m. Funding for Identity-Based Organizations

10:45 a.m. International Student Concerns

11:15 a.m. Open Q&A Session

11:45 a.m. BREAK

12:00 p.m. “Lunch and Learn” GPSO President Emeritus Panel

12:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions (Part II)

12:45 p.m. GPSO Master Calendar

1:00 p.m. Registering for GSC Funding & Other GPSO Funding Options

1:30 p.m. BREAK

1:45 p.m. Social Media Marketing & Virtual Recruitment

2:15 p.m. "Graduate Education, Transferrable Skills, and Your GPSO"

2:45 p.m. Engaging Faculty in Your GPSO

3:15 p.m. Open Q&A Session

3:45 p.m. Closing Remarks & Wrap-Up

4:00 p.m. END

We invite all GPSO Representatives, especially those holding leadership positions in their degree program or department's GPSO and identity-based GPSOs, to attend the GSC Community Summit. GPSO Representatives can register for the Community Summit [here](#). (Note: Each GPSO Representative should register individually, and an official Zoom link will be sent to each registered GPSO Representative the week of July 27, 2020.)

Thank you for your continued support of the GSC and of all the graduate and professional students and postdocs in your program(s)! If you have any questions about the GSC Community Summit or want to speak with a GSC Executive Board member regarding another issue, please send an email to gsc@uky.edu and someone from our team will respond within 48 hours.

Sincerely,

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