



## THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE AND MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

The mission of the Office of Student Life and Multicultural Affairs at The Graduate School (TGS) is to enhance the quality of life for all graduate students through the sponsorship of academic and social activities. This office also serves as an advocate for current students, offering resources and assistance to all.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Student Life division serves in an advisory capacity to the student-run Graduate Leadership Council (GLC), an organization comprised of seven graduate associations serving students on Northwestern's Chicago and Evanston campuses to promote a successful educational experience for all students and provide a voice for student views. For a complete listing of current graduate student organizations, please visit: <http://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/graduate-life/student-associations/>.

### CONFERENCES

The Black Graduate Student Association hosts an annual conference and banquet, allowing students from Chicago area schools, CIC schools and institutions across the nation to present their research, receive feedback, and network. For more details visit: <http://www.new.bgsanu.com>

### QUARTERLY TGS NIGHT OUT AND DAY OUT EVENTS

TGS sponsors quarterly TGS Night Out events, a night of fun with peers in local venues. These widely-attended events offer the opportunity for students to connect and meet with one another outside of the classroom or lab. To meet the needs of students with families, TGS also hosts a quarterly family-focused Day Out. Activities include trips to the zoo, local children's museums, the Botanical Gardens and more. Day Out events introduce parents to a supportive network of peers and provide opportunities for families to enjoy free, relaxing local events.

### COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANTS

TGS offers [community building grants](#), awarding funding to student groups to promote activities for students in the following areas: sports, culture, arts, and academic/professional development. Recent examples of clubs are [curling](#), the [Advanced Degree Consulting Alliance](#), and [Graduate Women Across Northwestern](#). The goal of these grants is to create friendship among Northwestern students who would not normally cross paths.



### **THE BUDDY SYSTEM AND ALUMNI RESOURCES**

Our office pairs newly admitted underrepresented students with currently enrolled peer students, or “buddies”, who volunteer to serve as a resource. Buddies orient students to their department, the University, and the surrounding community. TGS also connects admitted underrepresented students with underrepresented doctoral graduates from Northwestern who are currently in academic settings. These alums serve as valuable resources for new admits thinking early on about academic careers.

### **NEW STUDENT DINNER & BIENNIAL RECEPTIONS**

New enrollees and their peer student buddies are invited to a welcome dinner held on New Student Orientation day on the Evanston campus. The Multicultural Affairs division also hosts biennial networking receptions for underrepresented students, faculty, and administrators. We also arrange biennial coffee breaks, upon request, and annual lunches for underrepresented students and faculty on the Chicago campus.

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