Graduate & Professional Student Federation (GPSF)

The representative body of all graduate & professional students

ADVOCATE – CONNECT – COLLABORATE

Legislative
- Congress
  (Grad/UG)
- Senate
  (Grad)

Executive
- Executive Board
- Cabinet
- External Appointments

Judicial
- Honor Court
Mission and Roles of GPSF

- **Advocate** – UNC, State & Federal Advocacy, Travel Awards ($27,000 in 2013-14), Appropriations ($25,000 in 2013-14)

- **Connect** – Social, Humanitarian & Professional Events, Resources to students

- **Collaborate** – Service on UNC committees/task forces, Participation in university policy development
On the horizon: GPSF Programs for 2013-14

GPSF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH DAY
Annual event open to undergraduates, graduates, and post-docs to encourage academic collaboration & discussions

GPSF GRAD GAMES AND ORIENTATION
4 days of fun, social competition for new and current students & orientation programming with graduate school

GPSF COMMUNITY SERVICE
• UNC Can Castle Competition
• Ronald McDonald House
• Habitat for Humanity
New in 2013-14: GPSF Emergency Fund

- **Affordability** is the biggest concern amongst the graduate & professional student population
- **Goal**: Minimize students taking out more loans while in school and unenrollment due to financial stress

The Fund

- Fund dedicated to providing financial assistance to graduate students with unexpected, emergency expenses
- Sustain through fundraising (Cabinet Student Opportunity Chair)
GPSF Goals 2013-14 and beyond

- **Financial conscientiousness** – examine student fees
- **Mentorship** – expand resources and policies
- **Emergency Fund** – establish and fundraise
- **Visibility** – present at department orientations, develop resource guide and mobile app
- **Advocacy** – increase state advocacy efforts, collaborate with university stakeholders