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Graduate and Professional Student Federation (GPSF)

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The representative body of all graduate & professional students

ADVOCATE – CONNECT – COLLABORATE

Legislative

Executive

Judicial

Congress
(Grad/UG)

Senate
(Grad)

Executive
Board

Honor
Court

Cabinet

External
Appointments



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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

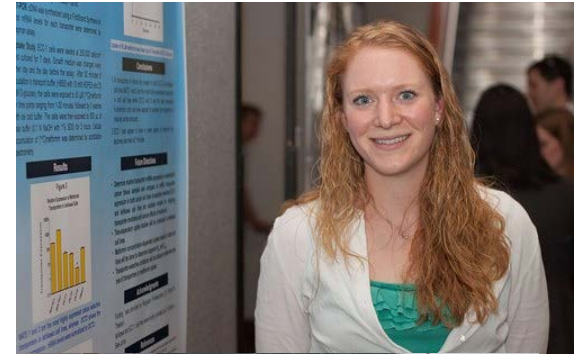
Annual event open to undergraduates, graduates, and post-docs to encourage academic collaboration & discussions

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



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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

