Welcome From COGS’ President

On behalf of COGS, we would like to welcome you to campus for the 2014-2015 academic year. COGS serves as the official governance body for all MSU graduate and professional students. This will be a year full of excitement, change, and new beginnings. COGS will hold several events throughout the course of the year to enable graduate and professional students to interact across departments and colleges, including hosting social gatherings, academic support events, and our annual Graduate Academic Conference.

Emily Bank
COGS President
2014-2015

Graduate School Welcoming and Resource Fair

You are invited to attend the annual orientation program for NEW and RETURNING graduate students of Michigan State University.

Saturday, August 23, 2014
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Opening Remarks begin at 10:00 AM in the Ballroom, MSU Union
Resource Fair begins at 10:15 AM in the Ballroom, MSU Union

More information HERE

Opening Remarks: Speakers from the Graduate School and the Council of Graduate Students (COGS) will welcome all new students to Michigan State University and provide an introduction to the activities of COGS and to the Graduate School’s programs for professional development. Resource Fair will include student organizations, campus groups and community businesses all ready to provide you with valuable information!

No RSVP is necessary! Just come to the MSU Union on Saturday, August 23rd.

Fall Welcome Picnic

Graduate Student Orientation Event for NEW and RETURNING graduate students and their families.

Saturday, August 23, 2014
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Behind Linton Hall
Rain or Shine

Relax after the resource fair at this family-friendly event! Enjoy FREE FOOD, Games, DJ, Zumba, Obstacle Course and MORE!

Have fun and meet other Graduate Students!
The Graduate Department or Program that has the greatest number of students attend the picnic will receive a pizza party sponsored by COGS.

More information HERE

Thank you to our cosponsors: MSU College of Engineering, Family Resource Center, Office for International Students and Scholars, LGBT Resource Center, MSU Alumni, Campus Sustainability, PhD Career Services, Recreational Sports and Fitness Services, Foods for Living, and Creative Wellness.

City of East Lansing Parking Permits

COGS has teamed up with the City of East Lansing to sell reduced cost graduate student permits in the Downtown East Lansing Division Street ramp (Lot 10 - Colorful Parking Garage at Division & Albert Streets). Permit holders can park in the designated permit area in the upper levels using an access card purchased at the COGS Office. Click here for more details
Committee Elections

Approximately 50 MSU committees obtain their graduate student representation through COGS every year. The charge of these committees range from academic governance, to community outreach, to social event planning. The committees relating to academic governance make decisions and establish rules that can directly affect your life at MSU.

Committee Elections for 2014-2015 Committees will be on: **Wednesday, September 3, 2014 from 5:30pm—7:30pm** in Room 115 International Center

For more information on each committee and to submit an application, visit our website: [HERE](#)

COGS Grants Available and Upcoming Deadlines

**Graduate Student Organization Event Funding**
- Fall applications are being accepted now for events happening anytime in Fall Semester
- Funding is on a first come, first served basis
- Applications are due to the COGS office by 5pm on 8/29/14 to be considered for funding at our 9/3 full council meeting
- Up to $1500.00 is available to GSO’s annually as funds allow

Fall 2014 Application online [HERE](#)

**Conference Grants**
- Fall 2014 application deadline is:
  - *5:00pm Friday, August 29, 2014*
- This is for all conferences between 8/27/14—1/11/15
- Maximum award is $300.00, only available once during MSU academic career
- Awardees based on lottery
- May not apply for both a Conference Grant and Professional Development Grant for the same event

Fall 2014 Application online [HERE](#)

**Professional Development Grant**
- Fall 2014 application deadline is:
  - *5:00pm Friday, August 29, 2014*
- This is for all programs between 8/27/14—1/11/15
- Maximum award is $300.00, only available once during MSU academic career
- Awardees based on lottery
- May not apply for both a Conference Grant and Professional Development Grant for the same event

Fall 2014 Application online [HERE](#)

**COGS Childcare Endowment**
- Graduate students who would like to apply for COGS Childcare Endowment should check the box on the MSU Child Care Grant application indicating your interest in being considered for these funds.
  - Priority will be given to students who are ineligible for the MSU Child Care Grant.
  - Students must be enrolled at least half time in a degree granting program and demonstrate financial need to be eligible for this program as well.
  - This program is open to international graduate students, and law students.

Fall 2014 Application online [HERE](#)

Spartan Football Season Tickets

Spartan Football Season Tickets are now available to Graduate and Professional Students. 3 options available:

- **Option 1:**
  - Lower level reserved tickets on east side of Spartan Stadium
  - Price: $225
  - (Includes $50 required Spartan Fund Contribution)

- **Option 2:**
  - Upper level reserved tickets on east side of Spartan Stadium
  - Price: $175

- **Option 3:**
  - Standard student season admission
  - Price: $175

[CLICK HERE](#) to order tickets online

Spartan Football:
- 2013 Legends Champions
- 2013 Conference Champions
- 2014 Rose Bowl Game Champions

COGS Upcoming Fall 2014 Events

More information on each event coming soon!

Save the dates:

**Fall Welcome Picnic:**
- 8/23/14, 12:00pm—3:00pm Behind Linton Hall

**Tailgates:**
- 8/29/14—Friday night home opener vs. Jacksonville State
- 9/27/14—Homecoming vs. Wyoming
- 10/25/14—Michigan State vs. Michigan

**Trivia Nights:**
- 9/23/14—Dublin Square—6:00pm
- 11/11/14—Dublin Square—6:00pm

**Detroit Red Wings Bus Trip:**
- 11/11/14, $25 tickets including FREE transportation to see the Detroit Red Wings at Joe Louis Arena play against Montreal for a 7:00pm game.
- Tickets will go on sale online only 10/10 @ 10am! Limit 2

Graduate Academic Conference

The Council of Graduate Student’s 7th Annual Graduate Academic Conference (GAC) has been scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2015. The event will take place in the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center from 8:00am—5:00pm.

The GAC is open to Graduate and Professional students of ALL academic fields with the purpose in mind of cultivating connections within and across disciplines. The primary goal of the conference will be to give graduate and professional students the opportunity to present their work to a diverse and educated community, promote interdisciplinary networking, aid in the development of public speaking skills, and encourage collaboration.

Presenters may choose to participate in:
- Three-minute dissertation competition
- Ten-minute themed research presentations
- Poster presentations

Applications for the 2015 GAC will be available soon.

Visit our website [HERE](#) to keep up with all the latest information on GAC 2015.