

## GSC MEETING SCHEDULE

Open to all students, meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Graduate Student Lounge in Dudley House, with the exception of one spring meeting (TBD) to be held on the Longwood campus. Please join the GSC officers and your department representatives to discuss important graduate student issues. Each meeting offers **FREE PIZZA!**

### 2009-10 Meetings:

September 9, 2009  
October 7, 2009  
November 4, 2009  
December 2, 2009  
February 3, 2010  
March 3, 2010  
April 7, 2010  
May 5, 2010

## GSC OFFICE

The GSC office is located on the second floor of Dudley House, next to the Graduate Student Lounge. Appointments with our officers can be made by emailing [harvardgsc@gmail.com](mailto:harvardgsc@gmail.com). Our mailing address is:

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## GSAS MAILING LISTS

The GSC administers two mailing lists for announcements of graduate student events and discussion of student issues. To join either list, visit the GSC website at [www.harvardgsc.com](http://www.harvardgsc.com).

## CONTACTING THE GSC

We have GSC meeting minutes and more information on GSC advocacy and funding online at [www.harvardgsc.com](http://www.harvardgsc.com). For specific questions and concerns, please email us at [harvardgsc@gmail.com](mailto:harvardgsc@gmail.com), or contact an individual GSC officer.



# Graduate Student Council

Harvard University  
Graduate School of  
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2009-2010

Dear Fellow Graduate Students,

Welcome to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at Harvard! We are the GSAS Graduate Student Council (GSC) and we're here to help you in your graduate life and education. Among other services, we offer grant money for conference travel and research, provide funding for a variety of student group events, and generally advocate on your behalf. By representing your concerns with faculty and the administration, we are constantly working to improve your graduate experience. Please come to us with your issues and questions. **Let your voice be heard!**

### WHAT HAS THE GSC DONE FOR ME?

Research Money	Last year, over 20 students were awarded more than \$20,000 for conference travel and research.
Student Parents	We worked steadily to clarify parental accommodation policies. We continue to advocate for paid time off for new parents and improved access to affordable childcare.
Faculty Mentoring	Since 1999, we have recognized and advocated for excellence in faculty mentoring with the yearly Everett Mendelsohn Excellence in Mentoring Awards.
Forums	In 2008-09, graduate students were able to bring questions and concerns directly to President Drew Faust as part of a town-hall meeting. Previous forums have included issues such as healthcare and HUHS services.
Student Groups	We awarded over \$25,000 to at least 20 student groups in 2008-09.

### GET INVOLVED!

- Come to our monthly meetings - *open to all students*
- Represent your department
- Work on university-wide committees (e.g. teaching/pedagogy, safety, healthcare and others)

**Interested in making a difference for graduate students at Harvard?**

**Contact us!** Email [harvardgsc@gmail.com](mailto:harvardgsc@gmail.com) or check out our website [www.harvardgsc.com](http://www.harvardgsc.com) for more information. The GSC is a great way to give back and get to know an exciting group of graduate students.

We hope you will join us for another exciting year!

Sincerely,

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### CONFERENCE AND SUMMER RESEARCH GRANTS

GSC conference grants give up to \$750 to GSAS students presenting at conferences or symposia in their fields throughout the year. Summer research grants offer \$1000 to help with the costs of summer research trips.

GSC grants are available to all full-time GSAS students and are quite competitive. In order to be eligible, you must pay the \$20 annual GSC fee and your department must be represented at a minimum of two GSC meetings the preceding semester (attendance records are posted online). For additional information and application materials, please visit our website ([www.harvardgsc.com](http://www.harvardgsc.com)) or contact the GSC Secretary.

### 2009-10 TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall conference grant applications due: **September 30, 2009**

Winter conference grant applications due: **February 10, 2010**

Summer research grant applications due: **April 14, 2010**

Spring conference grant applications due: **April 14, 2010**

### GSAS STUDENT GROUP FUNDING

The GSC provides funding for all officially-recognized student groups. We sponsor events and activities organized by student groups and attended by GSAS students. If your group would like to apply for funds, please visit our website ([www.harvardgsc.com](http://www.harvardgsc.com)) or contact the GSC Treasurer. Funding decisions are announced at the November, March and April GSC Open meetings.

### 2008-09 GROUP FUNDING DEADLINES

For consideration at the November 2009 general meeting: **October 23, 2009**

For consideration at the February 2010 general meeting: **February 5, 2010**

For consideration at the April 2010 general meeting: **March 26, 2010**

### GSC MEMBERSHIP FEE

Funding for the GSC comes from GSAS students, in the form of a \$20 GSC fee that appears on every student's October term bill. It is only through this fee that we can continue to provide representation and services for students. We receive no additional funding from the university or outside sources. While we enjoy an excellent relationship with Dudley House, we're not involved in their activities and programs; **we don't receive financial support from Dudley House or any university-sponsored programs.**

You may waive the \$20 GSC fee, but you will lose access to GSC services and facilities and you will not be eligible for grant funding. **To withhold your contribution, you must submit a letter (no e-mail) asking to waive the GSC fee by Tuesday, September 15, 2009 to the GSC (our mailing address is on the back).**

**Waiver requests will not be accepted after this date.**