

# Defending and Enhancing Education and Research Funding

STUDENT LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAYS

AGENDA

Saturday, September 14

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19:30 Informal Dinner and Welcome  
*Please bring cash*  
The Dubliner Restaurant  
4 F Street, NW  
Washington D.C. 20001

Sunday, September 15

Location:  
Hall of States  
444 North Capitol St. NW, Room 283/285  
Washington, DC 20001

		SESSION THEME:
8:30	Light breakfast served	
9:00	Introduction and NAGPS Legislative Priorities Meredith Niles, Director of Legislative Affairs, NAGPS	POLICY AREA WORKSHOPS
9:45	Higher Education Act and Graduate Student Funding Jon Fansmith, Associate Director, Office of Government Relations, American Council on Education	
10:30	Break	
10:45	Federal R&D Budget: Overview and Outlook Matt Hourihan, Director, R&D Budget and Policy Program, American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS)	
11:30	Careers in Public Policy Heather Dean, PhD, AAAS Fellow, National Science Foundation	POLICY CAREERS
12:15	Lunch	
13:15	Effectively Talking to Congress: Navigating Capitol Hill and Telling Your Story Meredith Niles, Director of Legislative Affairs, NAGPS	TALKING TO CONGRESS
13:45	What to Expect: A View from Congressional Staff Carly Robinson, PhD, 2013-2014 AAAS Congressional Science Policy Fellow Florencio U. Aranda III, Congressional Intern, Office of Pete Gallego (D-TX23)	
14:15	Break	
14:30	Campaign Overview: <i>Grads Have Debt 2</i> Kristofferson Culmer, Southcentral Region Chair, NAGPS Jesse Kremenak, Southcentral Legislative Concerns Committee Chair, NAGPS	TAKE-HOME ACTION

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- 15:00 Concurrent Sessions: Take-home Actions for Your Campus
- Open Access and Open Education Resources*  
Heather Joseph, Executive Director, Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC)
- Immigration Reform*  
Lisa Conn, Northeast and Midwest Organizing Director, FWD.US  
German Cadenas, Vice President of External Affairs, Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University

TAKE-HOME  
ACTION

16:00 Break

16:15 Small Group Workshops and Lobby Visit Simulations

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17:15 Following Up: Making the Most of Your Congressional Visits  
James Tsai, JD, Policy Specialist, FaegreBD Consulting

17:45 Closing Remarks  
Jared Voskuhl, JD, President & CEO, NAGPS

Dinner on Your Own and Evening in Washington (no organized activities)

## Monday, September 16

Self-organized Congressional Visits  
Capitol Hill

TALKING TO  
CONGRESS

17:00 Debrief Session and Hill Recap  
Meredith Niles, Director of Legislative Affairs, NAGPS

Location: Capitol Visitor's Center, SVC-215

Dinner on Your Own and Evening in Washington (no organized activities)

## Tuesday, September 17

Self-organized Congressional Visits  
Capitol Hill

TALKING TO  
CONGRESS

Depart Washington