

NAGPS LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAYS

“Defending and Enhancing Research and Education Funding”

September 14-17, 2013
Washington D.C.

What are Legislative Action Days? Each year NAGPS hosts two legislative action days (LAD) to bring graduate and professional students to Washington D.C. to meet with Congressmen and women and their staffers. These meetings are an excellent opportunity to meet with your region’s Representatives and Senators and have your voice be heard.

What Happens During Legislative Action Days? Students have appointments on Capitol Hill to share their concerns and perspectives on a wide variety of topics that affect them and their schools. In addition, LADs provide essential and valuable lobbying training and background on relevant legislative issues and the legislative process. Students have the opportunity to engage with graduate and professional students from throughout the United States in networking events and social activities during the evenings and weekend prior.

What Will My GSA Gain By Attending? Now more than ever is the time for student voices to be heard- the fiscal cliff and impending sequestration cuts mean that federal funding for higher education, research funding and graduate student fellowships is in peril. Students tell the story best and can demonstrate the value of graduate education directly to policymakers. These efforts do not go unnoticed- NAGPS has a long history of gaining real policy traction after LAD events, particularly for bill sponsorship on key issues we promote.

What Will My School Gain By Attending? Student voices advocating for graduate student funding and issues is powerful for your school as well. Often schools may send their administrators or presidents to lobby on higher education issues- but hearing directly from students is a crucial voice. We encourage students to take photos with Representatives or staffers they meet and develop press releases or reports for their schools and local media to highlight their efforts in Washington. Ultimately, your school will benefit from LAD efforts through increased attention to higher education and graduate student issues.

What Kinds of Costs Can I Expect? The cost to attend LAD is FREE for NAGPS members! Costs associated with attendance will come from accommodations, food, and transport. Our hotel is conveniently located within walking distance of Capitol Hill and a metro station to minimize costs to attendees.

Hotel Accommodations: The Liaison Capitol Hill, 415 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. 20001
<http://www.affinia.com/Washington-DC-Hotel.aspx?name=Liaison-Capitol-Hill>

We have secured an EXCELLENT rate for this hotel at the cost of \$149 a night for single/double occupancy. The hotel is conveniently located just blocks from the Capitol building and offices keeping our costs of transportation low. The hotel is also just a few blocks away from Union Station Metro on the red line.

To secure this rate you can book directly online here:

<https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=19828&Chain=5158&group=NAGPF9>

You may also call 1-866-246-2203 and mention code “NAGPF9” or mention “National Association of Graduate-Professional Students”

Transportation: We recommend flying into Washington Regan National Airport (DCA), which is very conveniently located just outside the downtown region of Washington D.C. A cab from the airport will cost approximately \$15. To take the metro, exit the airport towards sign for the metro and purchase a fare card (you will need the amount needed to go to “Union Station”. Take the yellow metro line north towards Fort Totten/Greenbelt. Exit at Gallery Place/Chinatown and transfer to the red line trains towards Glenmont. Exit at Union Station. Upon leaving Union Station walk across

If flying in Dulles Airport (IAD) you can take a shuttle (\$10) to the Orange line metro and follow this to Metro Center, switch to the red line towards Glenmont and follow the above directions. You can also take a taxi from Dulles, which will cost approximately \$75 or a shared van. Additional details can be found: <http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/793.htm>

Metro Directions to Hotel



Preliminary Schedule

Saturday September 14, 2013

Arrive and sightsee!

7:00pm- No- host welcome dinner

Sunday September 15, 2013

9:00am- Legislative Training

5:00pm- Finish Legislative Training

Dinner on your own and prep for Hill meetings

Monday September 16, 2013

Meetings on the Hill

5:30pm- Debrief Session

6:30pm- Networking dinner

Tuesday September 17, 2013

Meetings on the Hill