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Upcoming Events

NAGPS Member Forum

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NAGPS Member Forum
May 28, 2021 7PM EST
Zoom

We want to hear from you! What issues are you facing as a grad student? Where can we focus our efforts better to serve you and your GSO? The first NAGPS member forum will be taking place on **5/28 at 7-9pm EST/4-6pm PST**. It is a drop-in meeting: come for any part you are able, and we look forward to seeing you!

Scan this QR code to register:



NAGPS Leadership Conference

Scheduled for **June 26 & 27**, stay tuned for detailed information on 2021 Leadership Conference on our social media!

Legislative Platform Update

Expect to see action on the RISE Act, College Transparency Act, and Title IX over the next few months! Also, announcements coming soon on Fall LAD!

Partner Highlight



FAARM Project

What is the FAARM Project?

- [Nationwide, student-led effort to improve quality of research mentorship.](#)
- Named after the project's core proposal, the [Framework for Accountability in Academic Research and Mentoring](#) (FAARM, or 'the Federal Framework').
- Created to address the [mental health crisis faced by graduate students](#), which was caused in part by a lack of training and accountability for PIs and other research advisors.

What is the focus of FAARM?

- Developing policy proposals that can be implemented by [research institutions](#), [federal research funding agencies \(FRFAs\)](#), and [state and federal legislators](#).
- The FAARM Federal Framework

and each individual proposal are designed to incentivize nationwide improvements in the culture of academic mentorship.

How can you help graduate students?

Implementation of FAARM proposals would provide:

- New channels for research trainees (including grad students) to provide feedback on their advisors' performance and report acute problems.
- Across-the-board requirements for mentorship training for every PI that might advise research trainees.
- Comprehensive publicly-available data on time-to-degree, attrition rates, and graduate student mental health.
- Strong incentives for research institutions to **only hire and promote effective mentors**.

How can you help advance FAARM?

- The FAARM Team is seeking additional graduate student organizations and governments to **endorse the Framework** and **join our congressional outreach** efforts. [This quick-start guide](#) provides material that can help present FAARM to your organization.
- The FAARM team meets every other week, typically on Thursday evenings. **All research trainees and allies are welcome.** [Join our email list!](#)

Website and Contact Info

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<https://faarmproject.org/>

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Previous Events

Spring LAD

Spring LAD went off without a hitch and focused on visa reform and graduate student mental health! You can find slides and recordings of the sessions in our drive: <https://bit.ly/2Sc1Lw>

Southcentral Regional Conference

Arkansas State University Graduate Student Council hosted the 2-day NAGPS South-Central Regional Conference on April 17th and 18th of 2021, centered on the theme "Reimagine your path to the future." The event saw a total of around 150 tickets sold. The conference covered networking, resume building, and personal branding to provide you the necessary tools to prepare for excellence and success. On the 2nd day, we also elected the new South-Central Regional Board to the following positions:

Assistant Director: Samiksha Adhikari, Arkansas State University

Director of Communications: Audrey McCollum, Arkansas State University

Director of Outreach: Manasi Kotulkar, University of Kansas Medical Center

Director of Legislative Affairs: Vacant (Anyone interested, please reach out to the SC Regional Director, Vivek Gurung. e-mail: scrc@nagps.org)

Northeast Regional Conference

In the Northeast we were happy to recently host our annual regional conference virtually and elect our new regional board. Make sure to check out our newly revamped social media pages to keep in touch and up to date with new things to our region. [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

Midwest Regional Conference

The Graduate Student Congress at the University of Kentucky and the Graduate Student Senate at Ohio University co-hosted the 2021 Midwest Regional Conference on April 5—April 8. Theme of the event was Ghost work: The Unseen Contributions of Graduate and Professional Students to Institutions of Higher Education. You can watch the livestream version of event on [Facebook](#) page.

Board Member Of The Month



Kaitlyn Poe
Vice Chair - SouthCentral Region
University of North Texas



NAGPS Member Spotlight

Washington State University is offering skills and knowledge accelerator on June 21-25, 2021. This consortium will help you explore the entrepreneurial pathways and bring research to life with the help of top tier business faculty and industry experts. Check out their [website](#) or [Instagram](#) of WSU Graduate & Professional Student Association (GPSA) for more details.



Updated NAGPS Member Benefits



Get Involved!!!!

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