

# Graduate Student Organizations

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## Scope: Who is Covered by this Policy?

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Graduate Students

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## Policy

The Graduate School supports four (4) University-wide graduate student organizations:  
~~All four organizations are open to all graduate students.~~

- The Graduate Student Association is ~~an academic, social, and governance organization that represents~~ open to all graduate students ~~at Miami University~~. It sponsors a travel assistance fund, publishes a regular newsletter, advocates for the interests and concerns of graduate students, and organizes several social events each year. ~~An Associate~~ The Assistant to the Dean ~~for of~~ the Graduate School is the ~~advisor~~ advisor. The GSA selects student representatives to the University Senate, Graduate Council, and numerous campus-wide committees.
- The Graduate Students of Color Association is designed to enhance the campus life of graduate students of color by providing academic, cultural, political, and social support. This support system functions to facilitate academic excellence through tutorial, liaison, and networking systems. It helps to foster diversity and pluralism among graduate students. ~~An Associate~~ The Assistant Dean ~~for of~~ Admissions at the Graduate School is the ~~advisor~~ advisor.
- Graduate Student Pride Association (GSPA) - The purpose of GSPA is first and foremost to provide a safe and inclusive space for LGBTQ+ and queer graduate and professional students at Miami University. Safe spaces cultivate community for marginalized groups and are thus vital to LGBTQ+ and queer graduate

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students. Furthermore, GSPA will represent and give voice to the concerns of LGBTQ+ and queer graduate and professional students at Miami University.

- International Graduate Student Association (IGSA) ~~provides community for~~ IGSA is a new graduate student association. It is open to all international graduate students. The purpose of this group is to provide community for graduate students who are in the US for their advanced degree. This group ~~also~~ advocates for international students to university leaders and plans social events for graduate students. ~~An Associate Dean for the Graduate School is the advisor.~~

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## Related Form(s)

Not Applicable.

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## Additional Resources and Procedures

Not Applicable.

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## FAQ

Not Applicable.

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# Policy Administration

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## Responsible Officer

## Legal Authority

Not Applicable.

## Compliance Policy

No

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