What is the GSA?

- The *Post-Secondary Learning Act* establishes the GSA as a separate corporate entity from the University.
- Represents graduate students to the University and government.
- The GSA is governed by a Council.
- The GSA is student-led and professionally managed with its own lawyers, auditor, chartered accountant, management, and staff.
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GSA Awards, Grants, & Bursaries

- Academic Travel Awards
- Child Care Grants
- Emergency Bursaries
- Academically-Related Student Group Awards
- GSA Recognition Awards

Questions?
gsa.grants@ualberta.ca
GSA Health & Dental Plan

- Includes vision, travel insurance, diagnostic services, ambulance services, registered dietician services, and more!
- The deadline for change-of-coverage is September 1 - 23, 2016
- Visit [www.studentcare.ca](http://www.studentcare.ca) for more details

Health & Dental Plan Office – SUB 6-14
1-866-795-4430
Health & Wellness Services

- **Graduate Student Assistance Program (GSAP)**
  - Personal Counselling, Lifestyle, Specialty, and Career Counselling Services
  - Health Smart Coaching Services – sessions on topics such as nutrition, smoking cessation, 12 Weeks to Wellness, personal fitness and MORE!
  
  www.homewoodhealth.com

- **University Wellness Services – Counselling and Clinical Services**
  - Registered Psychologist in Triffo Hall 1-22 available to provide counselling and consultation
  
  www.mentalhealth.ualberta.ca

- **Community Social Work Team & Community Helpers Program**
  
  www.community.ualberta.ca
The Universal Pass for public transit

- The U-Pass is a sticker applied to your ONEcard
  - Available from the ONEcard office (HUB) or Infolink centres (SUB, CAB, HUB)
  - Unlimited access to regular Edmonton, St. Albert & Strathcona County Transit Systems

- For each term the cost is $141.67
  - Automatically included in your non-instructional fees

www.upass.ualberta.ca
Collective Agreement

Graduate Assistants are:
- Teaching Assistants, Principal Instructors, Research Assistants, and Research Assistantship Fellowships

The Collective Agreement covers:
- Minimum stipend rates
- Letters of Appointment
- Graduate student leave (e.g. parental leave)
- Assistantship Time Use Guideline Template
- Health and Safety
- Dispute Resolution

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Get Involved!

- Vote in our General Election, run for office, get involved with your departmental graduate students’ association, or serve on one of 150+ GSA or University committees.

- Contact gsa.nomcomm@ualberta.ca for information on committee vacancies.

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