

The Council Of Graduate Students Welcomes You!



Who We Are

The Council of Graduate Students is the *authorized student government* on campus representing all graduate/professional students at Michigan State University.

Our Mission

To promote the **academic**, **social**, and **economic** goals of graduate and professional students.

How do we do this?

Governance: The Full Council

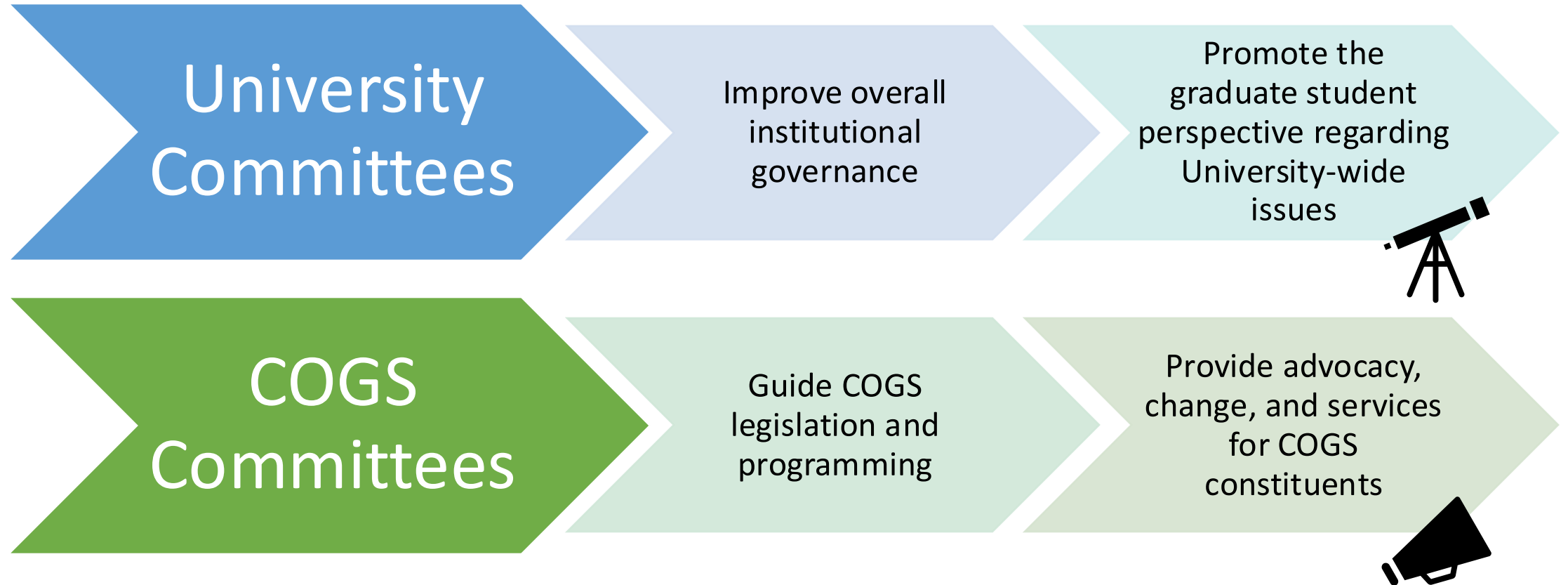


*Full council meeting schedule for 2025-26 available on COGS Website

- Each department *appoints a representative* to the Full Council
- Representatives voice issues and concerns at **monthly** meetings and cast a vote on behalf of their department
- Representatives bring back resources/information and promote upcoming events to their peers
- Meetings* are hybrid, Wednesday 6:30-8:30 PM – you are welcome to observe/attend as guest too



Governance: Committee Service



COGS Committees/Influence

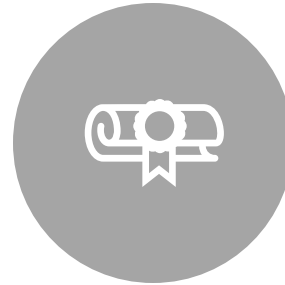
- Academic Standards at MSU
- Campus Services
- Graduate Health & Wellness
- Community Relations
- Graduate Academic Conference



COGS Resources: Funding



Conference awards (\$300 one-time)



Professional development awards (\$500 one-time)



Student organization (GSO) event funding (\$150 support fund to start, \$1500 event)



Disciplinary Leadership Award (\$1000 one-time)



COGS Resources: Services

- Free legal services provided by Jeffries and Associates, PLLC @Student Legal Services
- Student Rights Advocates – in collaboration with ASMSU
- No-interest short-term loans
- Discounted Wharton Center tickets to select shows

COGS Events



Professional/Academic

- Graduate Academic Conference
- Engaging Workshops & collaborations with Campus Partners

Health & Wellness

- Resource sharing
- GROW collaboration/workshop series

Social

- Fall Welcome, Coffee and Connection, Tailgate, Trivia Nights...

And many more!

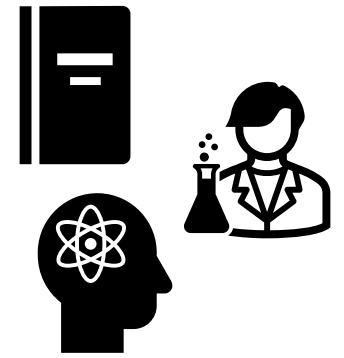
Attend your Fall Welcome Celebration!



- Save the date: **August 23, 2025**
 - **12-3 pm**
- Join us at MSU Benefactor's Plaza (Behind Chittenden Hall) following the Graduate School Resource Fair!
 - Food!
 - Fun activities!
 - Music!
 - Prizes and giveaways!
 - Great company!
 - Meet new friends!
 - Meet your COGS Executive Board!
 - Meet members of the MSU Administration!



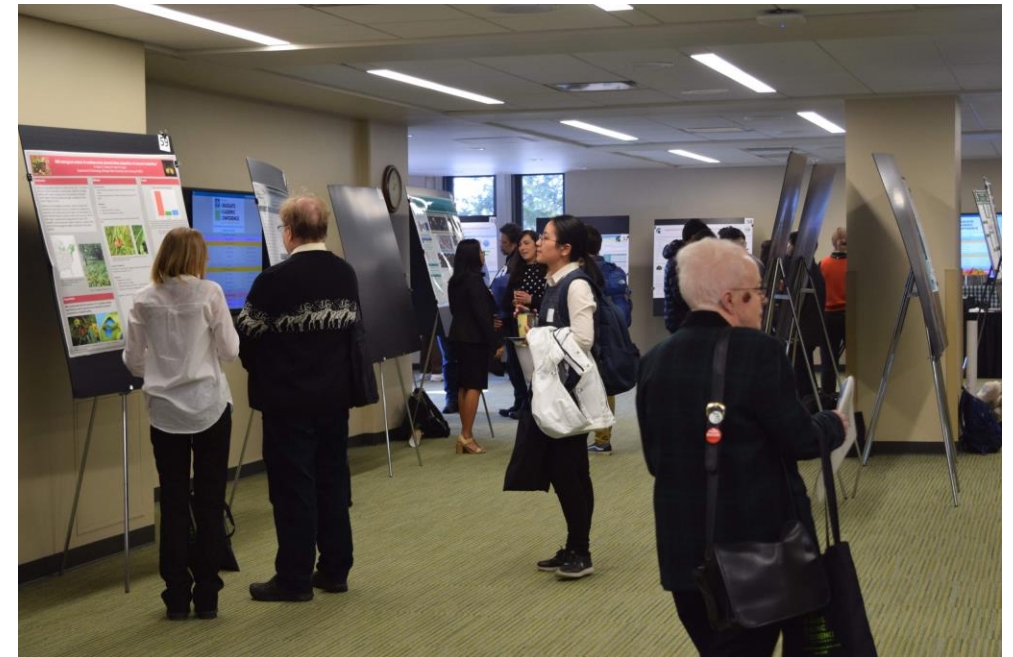
The Graduate Academic Conference



- **February 21, 2026 @ MSU Union**
- Poster Presentation
- Oral Presentation
- 3-Minute Thesis (3MT)

Practice presenting your work to other academics and lay-persons. Prizes awarded to top presentations in each category (oral, poster, and 3MT). Abstract submission dates coming in the fall. Plus: professional headshots, Resource Tables, and more!

Please watch for updates and check out our webpage: cogs.msu.edu/gac



Get Involved, Get Engaged!!

Become a Representative:

Speak to your
Graduate
Program
Academic
Assistant

Serve on a Committee:

A full list of
committees is
available on our
website
(cogs.msu.edu)

Attend COGS Events:

All events are
open to graduate
and professional
students

Advocacy:

Keep us informed
of issues &
engage with your
department
representative to
learn more

The most helpful
people you will
ever meet!



What's the difference?



COGS

- Grad/Professional student government
- Constituents: All tax-paying grad/professional students
- Primary issues: University resources/policies; grad health & wellness, leadership & social

GEU

- Employee's Union
- Constituents: Graduate Assistants
- Primary issues: Wages, benefits, and working conditions

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