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# THE CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS





1. WHAT IS COGS AND WHAT DOES COGS DO?

2. HOW CAN YOU HAVE FUN AND GET INVOLVED?



# THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT

WE ARE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS  
AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

- POST-BACCALAUREATE
- SPECIAL
- MASTER'S
- SPECIALIST
- PROFESSIONAL
- DOCTORAL





## CONGRESS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

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## COGS CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE/PRESENTATION GRANTS

JULY – OCTOBER  
NOW OPEN

FIND OUT MORE →

[H See all COGS Events >](#)COGS 2019 Spring Meetings to  
be held in HCB 103, 989  
LEARNING WAY at 6:30 p.m.:Next Meeting:  
August 26, 2019

All business is due the Thursday  
before a meeting, and financial  
requests take up to two weeks to  
process after a meeting, so  
groups are encouraged to submit  
requests as soon as possible.

## Next MSC Meetings:

Tuesday, August 6th Conference  
Call

## COGS Tweets

Tweets by @COGSFSU

**COGS at FSU**  
@COGSFSU

The first meeting of the 27th  
Congress of Graduate Students  
was tonight, the reps are excited  
to get to work!  
#StudentLeadership  
#FloridaStateUniversity  
#GraduateStudents



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## Congress of Graduate Students

## Who We Are

The Congress of Graduate Students (COGS) is the official representative body of graduate students at Florida State University. This includes all post-baccalaureate, special, masters, specialist, professional, and doctoral students.

In accordance to the Student Body Constitution, COGS is the part of student government dedicated to graduate students. As the body representing graduate students, COGS represents graduate student interests to the university and community, and is empowered to issue resolutions expressing the views of graduate students and calling attention to important issues. The Congress provides graduate students with grants for conference travel, and funds programs and activities across campus that are targeted at graduate students. Additionally, the Congress is a funding source for graduate student organizations. This is made possible by the Activities and Service (A&S) fees paid by students. Each year, COGS receives several hundred thousand dollars in funds directly from a portion of the A&S fees paid by graduate students to FSU. COGS has full authority in the oversight, regulation, and allocation of these funds to graduate students, graduate student organizations, and other programs at Florida State University. COGS has the responsibility to use these funds for the benefit of the student body.

## The COGS Assembly

The COGS assembly is comprised of elected representatives from all 15 colleges and schools at the Florida State University. COGS is led by an elected Speaker who is supported by an Executive Board comprised of an elected Deputy Speaker for Finance, Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs and Deputy Speaker for Communication. The Speaker is the official representative of all graduate students to the university and community, and coordinates all administrative work necessary for the efficient operation of the Congress. The Deputy Speaker for Finance, along with the Speaker, oversees the financial decisions and expenditures of fund, and is second in line to the Speaker and assumes all of the Speaker's responsibilities in his/her absence. The Deputy Speaker for Judicial Affairs and the Deputy Speaker for Communication assist in the administration and activities of the Congress.

COGS representatives and officers are elected to a one-year terms in the fall semester. Representatives are elected by the vote of graduate students in their respective constituencies (college, school, or graduate students as whole) during student government elections. Vacancies are filled by petition throughout the year. Executive officers are elected by the COGS representatives at the first meeting of the Congress, and upon vacancies.

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# FUNDING

- GRADUATE RSOs
- INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION & ATTENDANCE GRANTS
- LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL
- MEDICAL SCHOOL COUNCIL

## COGS Funding

Financial Manual

Financial Certification

Organizational Accounting  
Forms →

COGS Budget Amendment  
Request

COGS Budget Transfer Form

COGS Organizations  
Request/Allocation Form

Individual Conference  
Presentation and Attendance  
Grants

## COGS Funding

COGS offers funding for recognized graduate student organizations (RSOs) and individual students attending and presenting at conferences.

**Graduate RSOs:** If you are interested in apply for funding, use the [COGS Organizations Request/Allocation Form](#). All new business is due the Thursday before a regularly scheduled COGS meeting. Financial requests take up to two weeks to process after a meeting, so groups are encouraged to submit requests as soon as possible. Please refer to the SGA Financial Manual for the Purchase Request timeline. Once funding is secured, Please go to the Nole Central website (<https://studentgroups.fsu.edu>) and follow the directions to complete a Purchase Request, Contractual Request, Travel Request, or Interdepartmental Request.

**Individual Student Presentation and Attendance Grants:** If you are interested in applying for funding, use the link [Individual Conference Presentation and Attendance Grants](#) and review the Eligibility guidelines prior to applying. Please note that all applications must be submitted at least 15 business days prior to your conference to be approved, but can be submitted as early as four months prior to the conference as long as it is within the funding window. Funds are available each period first come, first serve.

Please select the grant links for more details

### Law School Council

The purpose of LSC is to represent Law School registered student organizations (RSOs) before all budgetary committees of SGA and the Congress of Graduate Students, to sub-allocate funds to Law School RSOs, and to monitor and coordinate the budget activities of the various Law School RSOs. LSC is comprised of seven law students elected as Members-at-Large by the Law School Student Body.

### Medical School Council

The purpose of the Medical School Council is to represent Medical School RSOs before all budgetary committees of COGS, to sub-appropriate funds to MSC RSOs, enhance medical education at Florida State University by promoting a variety of speakers, conferences, and academic projects, express the will of the Medical School Student Body through Resolutions, and to monitor and coordinate the budget activities of the various Medical School RSOs.



# COMPENSATION FOR TRAVEL

UP TO \$500 TOTAL PER FISCAL YEAR

## PRESENTATION GRANT

- UP TO \$200 WITHIN CONTIGUOUS US
- UP TO \$500 INTERNATIONALLY
  - INCLUDING HAWAII AND ALASKA

## ATTENDANCE GRANT

- UP TO \$100 ANYWHERE



# COMPENSATION FOR TRAVEL

FINE PRINT – WHAT YOU NEED

## PRESENTATION GRANT

- PROOF OF CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
- ACCEPTANCE LETTER OR PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

## ATTENDANCE GRANT

- PROOF OF CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



# COMPENSATION FOR TRAVEL

FINE PRINT – THREE TIME PERIODS

- **PAPERWORK DUE 15 DAYS PRIOR TO TRAVEL**
- 1 JULY – 31 OCTOBER (APPLICATION OPENS 1 JUNE)
- 1 NOVEMBER – 28/29 FEBRUARY (APPLICATION OPENS 1 OCTOBER)
- 1 MARCH – 30 JUNE (APPLICATION OPENS 1 FEBRUARY)



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# BECOME A REPRESENTATIVE

- APPLIED STUDIES
- ARTS & SCIENCES
- AT LARGE
- BUSINESS
- COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION
- CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- FINE ARTS
- GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING ADVOCATE
- HUMAN SCIENCES
- INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVOCATE
- LAW
- LGBTQ+ STUDENT ADVOCATE
- MEDICINE
- MINORITY STUDENT ADVOCATE
- MOTION PICTURE ARTS
- MUSIC
- NURSING
- PANAMA CITY CAMPUS SENATOR
- SOCIAL SCIENCES & PUBLIC POLICY
- SPECIAL/UNDECIDED ADVOCATE
- STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES ADVOCATE
- VETERANS ADVOCATE



# GETTING INVOLVED

## **REPRESENTATIVES:**

- EMPOWER GRADUATE STUDENTS TO BUILD COMMUNITY
- OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS TO PRESENT THEIR RESEARCH
- ADVOCATE FOR THE NEEDS OF GRADUATE STUDENTS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT



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