

# GPSA Fall 2009 Newsletter



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## What is GPSA!

The Graduate and Student Professional Association (GPSA) of East Tennessee State University is a student managed organization whose membership is open to all currently enrolled post-baccalaureate degree seeking students. Our primary function is to improve the quality of both graduate and professional education and the graduate and professional student experience at ETSU! Graduate and professional students represent approximately 20% of the total

student population at ETSU, and the teaching, clinical, and research activities of these students present genuine needs that are considerably different from those of the remaining student population.

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## Our Purpose!

The primary goal of the GPSA is to provide support and informational services that will encourage all graduate/professional students to: 1) become involved in institutional governance and development; ; 2) participate in student-sponsored activities; and 3) maximize their potential as students, educators, and researchers. The function and purpose of the GPSA will benefit not only all graduate/professional students, but also those undergraduate students interested in applying to post-baccalaureate degree programs at ETSU.

### Inside the Issue:

- UPCOMING EVENTS
- TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINE DATES
- NATIONAL GPSA NEWS AND INFO

## -Up Coming Event Interviewing Strategies!



**September 5th, 1:00**  
**Culp Center, Meeting**  
**Room 1**

On October 5, 2009 Wayne Speer, the assistant director of the ETSU Career and Internship Office will present a presentation on interviewing strategies and techniques. This will include the 51 Top Common Question, Top 21 Topic Area's and will present what Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA's) employers are looking for.



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## *Travel Funding!*

If you will be presenting at a conference this semester, or would simply like to attend one related to your field of study, funding may be available to help cover all your costs. Amounts vary depending on the amount needed (your application must include a budget estimate) and distance traveled. The maxi-

mum amount awarded will be \$500, and preference is given to those presenting at a conference. If you are awarded travel funding, we simply ask that you make a brief presentation to peers and GPSA officers. Application and procedure are available at <http://www.etsu.edu/gradstud/gpsa/>

[travelfunds.asp](http://travelfunds.asp).

Make sure all requirements are met before traveling to include: Membership application, dues, and 1 event attended.

The sooner you apply, the better. Don't delay, apply today!

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~ROBERT  
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## **NAGPS—National Association of Graduate & Professional Students**

NAGPS is the organization that unites Graduate Student Associations like ours to improve and enhance graduate student life. NAGPS offers access to student and recent graduate health insurance as well as various discounts and resources. It sponsors conferences (regional and national) that provide opportunities to present research and

papers and network with other grad students (often PhD candidates). NAGPS will also sponsor a **Legislative Action Days** event in Washington, D.C. September 30th-October 2nd.. These **Days** will involve open access and students right to research. (<http://nagps.org/>) If you are interested in attending, you may apply for Travel Funding through

ETSU! ETSU is a proud member of the Southeast Region of NAGPS! Many from this region are national officers. For more information about this great organization, visit its website at <http://nagps.org/> or its Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=5103728345>



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## **GPSA Team Building Event! October 9th**

On **October the 9th** at the Basler Center for physical activity (CPA) the GPSA will be participating in the outdoor ropes course at **3:00**. This event will help build team trust and also help enhance leadership development. We will meet at the outdoor climbing facility behind the CPA. Be sure to dress athletic clothing and feel free to bring you own climbing gear.

## **Community Service @ Ronald McDonald House**

On Sunday November, 8th the GPSA will making dinner for the guests at the Ronald McDonald House buy the hospital. We are going to go with an Italian theme such as spaghetti/lasagna , salad, and garlic bread. Further details will later be announced.