Hello and welcome to the Graduate Students’ Association (GSA) of the University of Calgary. We provide a strong foundation for our members and community by offering valued services and programs that support and empower graduate students during and after their academic endeavors. We create an environment built on fiscal sustainability, social engagement, and effective representation. One of the ways in which we do this is by encouraging engagement by facilitating Departmental Graduate Associations (DGAs). The DGA program gives graduate students in every department, regardless of size, the chance to plan and manage their own graduate students’ association.

DGAs allow graduate students to take an active role in their education and in their graduate school experience by organizing various events, creating new initiatives, and providing support and advice to graduate students in their department. DGAs appoints official departmental representatives to the GSA’s Graduate Representative Council (GRC), the GSA ultimate policy-making body to approve important GSA political, operational, and financial matters of the GSA. Therefore, DGAs make a positive contribution to graduate student communities as they allow student leaders to build stronger departmental communities. Since May 2008, our DGAs has encouraged social engagement, academic involvement, communication methods, and strategies for graduate students.

The GSA is pleased to support this exciting initiative with enhanced and ongoing financial support for all DGAs. If you have a DGA in your department, we encourage you to join it. If you don’t have a DGA in your department, we hope this handbook will assist you in creating one.

If you are already a member of your department’s DGA and wish for your DGA to join another similar DGA, you can take the initiative to form a consortium. Two (2) or more DGAs can form a consortium to combine forces and receive extra funding from the GSA.

Although DGAs/consortiums receive support, financial and otherwise, from the GSA, DGAs and consortiums operate autonomously and function independently of the GSA according to each organization’s own governing documents.

If you have any questions in regards to your DGA or consortium, don’t hesitate to reach out!

Best wishes for a rewarding year with your DGA,

Mina Iskander
GSA VP Student Life 2018-2019

In this handbook, you will find:
• Important contacts and deadlines;
• DGA/Consortium Change of Information requirements;
• Graduate Representative Council;
• DGA/Consortium funding; and
• An outline of other services available to DGAs and consortiums.
**MAIN CONTACTS**

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Operational Bursary  
Event Grants  
Graduate Representative Council

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Event room booking

**Last Defence Lounge**
General Manager  
Chris Schneider  
gsarest@ucalgary.ca  
403.210.6466  
Event and room booking at the  
Last Defence Lounge

**IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

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| Change of Information                | Update the GSA on your DGA’s information including the number of enrolled graduate students in the department (the GSA needs confirmation from your Graduate Program Administrator), Bylaws, bank agreement with new signing authorities, new DGA Executives, and GRC Representatives. The completion of this form grants the $300 Operational Bursary. | October 15, 2018  
(Your DGA can fill out this form any time before October 15, 2018. The GSA encourages early completion of the form.) |
| Annual Report                        | The Annual Report needs to be completed by all DGAs at the end of April. Follow the template and instructions from the GSA to complete the Annual Report form. Failure to complete the Annual Report will lead to loss of future funding. | April 30, 2019 |
| Event Approval and Support           | The GSA needs oversight over DGA events to ensure proper risk management and preparation to protect our graduate students and the public. DGAs must submit the Event Submission Form and receive event approval from the GSA for the third-party liability insurance coverage to be effective. This way, the GSA also can provide training and resources to make your events more safe and successful. | Ongoing, Receipts must be submitted to the GSA before October 15 (for events hosted between Apr. 1 and Sept. 30); April 15 (for events hosted between Oct. 1 and Mar. 31). |

**WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE EVERY YEAR**

[www.gsa.ucalgary.ca](http://www.gsa.ucalgary.ca) | Departmental Graduate Association Handbook 2018/19
LINKS TO IMPORTANT FORMS

- **DGA Creation Form**  
  (Starting a new DGA? Use this form for the creation of a new DGA)
- **Consortium Creation Form**  
  (Use this form to create a consortium, a group of two (2) or more DGAs and receive financial and event support from the GSA)
- **DGA Change of Information/Operational Bursary Form**  
  (Use this form if there is a change of info after you submit your yearly renewal)
- **Consortium Change of Information/Operational Bursary Form**
- **Event Submission Form**  
  (Please use this form to request event approval for insurance coverage, equipment rental, space booking, waiver, event grant and promotional items)
- **After Event Report Form**  
  (Please use this form to submit receipts for your event(s) that you have requested GSA Event Grant funding.)

CURRENT LIST OF DGAS

Please view the current list of DGAs as well as their contact information here:  
https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/dgasgrns/dga-list/

MEMBERSHIP

- Membership of a DGA is composed of all Active Members of the programs of that UCalgary department.
- DGAs must not charge a membership fee.

EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

- All DGAs must hold annual elections for their Executive positions.
- If no students are interested in running for the DGA Executive positions, the positions may be appointed.
- A minimum of three (3) DGA Executive positions are required, and be occupied by Active Members, to form a DGA. At minimum, these positions must be:
  - President;
  - Vice President; and
  - Treasurer.

It is strongly recommended that all DGA/consortium executives are elected through a democratic process. Visit gsa.ucalgary.ca/elections to view documents regarding the GSA election process. If you would like to know how the GSA governs its association in a given situation, please contact the GSA Chief Returning Officer (CRO) at cro.gsa@ucalgary.ca.

DGA AGREEMENT (APPENDIX A)

The DGA Agreement outlines the responsibilities of the DGAs expected by the GSA, outlined by the GSA Bylaws, and DGA Policy. Every year, a DGA executive has to confirm its agreement with the terms and conditions in the DGA Agreement. A signed copy must be submitted via the DGA Change of Information form. Same agreement applies to the Consortiums.
DGA POLICY

The DGA Policy outlines the policy and procedures for proper governance of DGAs. It is the responsibility of DGA Executives to ensure they are aware of and adherent to this policy document. Further, the Policy is meant to mitigate the Association's liability connected with the activities of DGAs. Read the DGA Policy here: https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/dgasgrns/

DGA EXECUTIVE TRANSITIONS

Depending on the bylaws of your DGA and how you choose to govern it, the executives of your DGA will most likely change from year to year. To make this transition smooth, we have a few recommendations for you:

• Use general email addresses with an email provider such as Gmail so they can easily be passed on when an executive position changes;
• Use an online filing system such as Dropbox for your DGA documents so all your members can easily access them;
• When new executives are transitioning in, make sure they are aware of all important documents, contacts, and procedures; and
• Encourage each executive of your DGA to write an Annual Report of completed and ongoing initiatives, events, etc.

Please contact the GSA Governance Coordinator if you have any questions about transitions.

CHANGE OF INFORMATION due OCTOBER 15

By October 15 of every year, or as soon as possible, all DGAs need to complete the Change of Information form to update the GSA about:

• New executives’ contact information;
• Confirmation of the number of graduate students enrolled in the department from your Graduate Program Administrator/Director;
• Signed copy of the DGA Agreement;
• GRC Representatives’ (or GRC Reps’) contact information;
• Banking agreement clearly stating the name of the bank account, and bank signing authorities (those are authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the DGA); and
• DGA governing documents (either Bylaws or Constitution).

Access the form here: https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/dga-change-of-information-operational-bursary-form/

NEW THIS YEAR!

DGA MONTHLY UPDATES/NEWSLETTER

The GSA will send out updates to the DGA Presidents this year. If you wish to provide feedback to improve upon GSA communications with DGAs, please email the GSA Governance Coordinator. This is in addition to the GRC newsletter that will be sent to GRC Representatives after GRC meetings.

DGA LIST AND CONTACT INFORMATION ON THE GSA WEB SITE

The GSA will keep a list of DGAs, and the presidents’ contact information on the GSA web site for easier access to DGAs by graduate students and by other DGAs. Visit the list here: https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/dgasgrns/dga-list/
GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (GRC)

Each DGA is required to appoint GRC Representatives to GRC meetings. The number of GRC Representatives are dependent on the number of graduate students actively enrolled in the program or to be referred as Active Members as defined by the GSA Bylaws. See detailed requirements below:

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Attendance at GRC meetings requirement:
- At least one (1) currently serving GRC Representatives from each DGA must attend the monthly GRC meeting (Bylaw 9.19);
- Your DGA can arrange for another member of the department to attend in proxy of that GRC Representative (Bylaw 9.20) (please email the GSA Governance Coordinator to make this arrangement as soon as possible in advance of the GRC meeting);
- If your GRC Representative(s) miss one (1) GRC meeting over the academic year, your DGA will be given a warning; and
- If your GRC Representative(s) fail to show up for two (2) or more GRC meetings, your DGA will be ineligible for Event Grants for that academic year.

Removal or Resignation of GRC Representatives:
- A GRC Representative may resign at any time by submitting a letter of resignation to the Speaker (Bylaw 9.21);
- A resignation will begin effective immediately upon receipt of this letter, and a new GRC Representative needs to be selected in accordance with the bylaws created by that DGA; and
- Any GRC Representative who is absent without an alternate for more than two (2) meetings in an academic year may be removed as a Graduate Representative by majority vote of the GRC (Bylaw 9.22).

ABOUT GRC

GRC is the GSA’s policy-making body, comprised of graduate student representatives from all departments with active Departmental Graduate Association. It provides direction to the Executives on the political, financial, and operational matters of the GSA.

Learn more about GRC here: https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/about-the-gsa/grc/

Please email the Governance Coordinator at governance.gsa@ucalgary.ca for any questions about GRC.

2018/19 GRC MEETING DATES

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IMPORTANT!
- It’s the responsibility of the DGA to ensure that GRC position requirement is filled. Any position that becomes vacant shall be filled by the DGA. Update your DGA GRC Representatives information using the Change of Information form; and
- Consortiums can send up to two (2) GRC Representatives to GRC meetings, however, they don’t have voting rights.
DGA FUNDING

The GSA offers funding to support the creation and operation of DGAs, as well funding for events that promote DGA activity between graduate faculties, departments and students. This is a competitive process, awarded on a first-come-first-served basis, and funding is not guaranteed. The GSA retains the ultimate authority as to the disbursement of all GSA funding.

Please note that funding is awarded on the basis that the DGA is in good standing (i.e. submitting their annual report before the deadline, submitting the DGA Change of Information/ Operational Bursary Form, and attending GRC meetings).

All funding application forms are available online here: https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/dgasgrns/funding-forms/

Available funding for DGAs are:

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<td>Interdepartmental Event Grant</td>
<td>$500</td>
<td>Offset cost of DGA events that include more than one DGA. This is additional funding available beyond the individual DGA Event Grant.</td>
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<td>Annual continued funding for pre-existing DGAs.</td>
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<td>DGAs can apply for one $300 Operational Grant per year (April 1 - March 31) after their first year of operation.</td>
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<td>Offset cost of DGA events.</td>
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<td>Receipt amount up to $150 per intake (total of $300 per year).</td>
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<td>Eligible expenses include food, beverages (non-alcoholic beverages, wine, and/or beer only), advertising and other event-related costs. Beverages should not cover more than 25% of the total bill.</td>
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<td>Receipt amount up to $250 per intake (total of $500 per year) per DGA participant.</td>
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<td>Eligible expenses include food, beverages (non-alcoholic beverages, and wine and/or beer only), advertising and other event-related costs. Beverages should not cover more than 25% of the total bill.</td>
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| Deadlines & Details: | |
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| Must apply within 3 months of the DGA startup date. DGA must register online no later than April 15 of each year. | |
| Must submit Annual Report by April 30 each year. The online Change of Information form must be completed and submitted no later than October 15 each year | |
| Must submit Event Submission Form by April 15 of each year. | |
| Must submit After Event Report Form by October 15 (for events hosted between April 1 and September 30), and April 15 (for events hosted between October 1 and March 31). | |

How to apply:

► STEP 1: Submit your event here [Event Submission Form](#)

► STEP 2: Submit your receipts after the event here [After Event Report Form](#)
### CONSORTIUM FUNDING

Available funding for consortiums are:

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<td><strong>$100 - $350</strong></td>
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**Start-up Grant**

**Purpose:** Initial funding for newly-formed consortiums.

**Amount:** $100, or $0.50 per member, whichever is GREATER, to a maximum of $500 (one time only).

**Eligibility:** One-time grant upon creation of a new consortium.

**Deadlines & Details:** Must apply within three (3) months of the consortium startup date.

**Purpose:** Annual continued funding for pre-existing consortiums.

**Amount:** $100 or 0.50 per member, whichever is GREATER, to a maximum of $350.

**Eligibility:** Consortium can apply for one Operational Grant per academic year (April 1 - March 31) after their first year of operation.

**Deadlines & Details:** Must submit Annual Report by April 30 each year. The online Change of Information form must be completed and submitted by October 15 each year.

**Purpose:** Offset cost of consortium events.

**Amount:** Receipt amount up to $500 per intake (total of $1000 per year).

**Eligibility:** You may apply for more than one Event Grants per academic year (April 1 – March 31), however the maximum annual amount awarded is $1,000. Eligible expenses include food, beverages (non-alcoholic beverages, and wine and/or beer only), advertising and other event-related costs. Beverages should not cover more than 25% of the total bill.

**How to apply:**

► **STEP 1:** Submit your event here [Event Submission Form](#).

► **STEP 2:** Submit your receipts after the event here [After Event Report Form](#).

**Deadlines:** Receipts must be submitted to the GSA before October 15 (for events hosted between Apr. 1 and Sept. 30); April 15 (for events hosted between Oct. 1 and Mar. 31).

Please note: Individual DGAs will still qualify for all DGA funding, services, etc. Your DGA does not lose access to any GSA DGA offerings because you are a member of a consortium.

### OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES

- **GSA Quality Money Program:** [https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/financial-support/quality-money-program/](https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/financial-support/quality-money-program/)
- **Student Activities Fund:** [https://www.ucalgary.ca/leadership/leadership-development/saf](https://www.ucalgary.ca/leadership/leadership-development/saf)

### ANNUAL REPORT  

**due APRIL 30**

All DGAs must submit an annual report to the Governance Coordinator at the close of each academic year. Annual Reports are due by April 30 (or the next business day) of each year.

The annual report should be approximately 2-4 pages in length and must include the following items:

- Executive names and e-mail addresses for both the outgoing executives and (if known) the incoming executives;
- Names and email addresses of outgoing and incoming (if known) GRC Representatives;
- Total number of members;
- List of activities for the academic year;
- Financial statements (income statement, cash balances, and outstanding items); and
- Issues or concerns (if applicable).
**CO-CURRICULAR RECORD RECOGNITION FOR YOUR DGA/CONSORTIUM CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Co-Curricular Record (CCR) is the University of Calgary's official record for extra-curricular involvement on-campus as a graduate student. The CCR is a valuable tool for you to present alongside your resume to prospective employers and/or to professional/graduate schools to highlight your complete university experience.

Once on the CCR site, you will see that with each activity/position you add to your CCR, you will also be able to highlight the learning outcomes of that activity or position. To learn more about the CCR, or find out what activities are recognized at the graduate level, send an email to ccr@ucalgary.ca.

**EVENT SUPPORT**

The GSA provides event support to all DGAs and consortiums. The Event Organizer of the DGA/Consortium must fill out the Event Submission Form and obtain a formal written approval from the GSA in order to be obtain third-party liability insurance coverage and other event support including GSA/LDL promotional items, free beverages, equipment rentals, waiver templates, etc.

**EVENT SUBMISSION FORM**

Link: [www.gsa.ucalgary.ca/eventforms](http://www.gsa.ucalgary.ca/eventforms)

This form is intended for any GSA Student Groups (DGAs, GSGs, consortium, or GSA committees) to request event support including:

- Event approval for third-party liability insurance;
- Equipment rental;
- Waiver form;
- GSA promotional items for prizes;
- Event Grants for DGA/GSG/Consortium;
- Free beverages; and
- Booking of CEM Classroom/Table/Green Space.

Please submit the form at least 2-3 weeks prior to the event date. The GSA shall follow up with the request 2-5 business days for approval and/or further instructions.

**EVENTS HANDBOOK**

What you will find in the Events Handbook:

- General steps of event planning including risk management, promotions, execution, and evaluation;
- Details of available event support;
- Advice and requirements for special events including off-campus events, with alcohol consumption, field trips, pet therapy, etc; and
- Resources for venue booking, transportation, and booking equipment.

**THIRD PARTY LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The GSA may cover third party liability insurance cost, excluding costs associated with negligence, which the Event Organizer(s) might become legally obligated to pay as damages to a third party as defined in the GSA's Insurance Policy, arising from an incident where they were hosting a GSA-approved event, for any of the following reasons:

- Bodily injury; and
- Property damage.

**RAFFLES**

If your DGA is planning on hosting a raffle, a provincial licence is required. Please contact the Governance Coordinator at governance.gsa@ucalgary.ca for assistance.
**DGA DISCOUNT**

DGAs can receive **25%** discount on food only during informal gatherings of six (6) or more people after 2pm with a DGA Executive present. The DGA Executive must be on the contact list registered with the GSA. The discount applies to food only. Discounts cannot be given on any LDL daily features. For larger events, we recommend that you book in advance, which can be done by contacting the LDL General Manager, by phone at (403) 210-6466 or by email at gsarest@ucalgary.ca.

All DGAs are responsible for updating the Executive list with the GSA by filling out the DGA Change of Information/Operational Bursary Form. This is the same list that the LDL uses; therefore, it must be current, otherwise outdated information may result in your group not receiving the discount. You are responsible for the conduct of all guests you bring to the LDL at all times.

Please note that all LDL patrons including DGAs must abide and behave according to LDL policy.

**GSA/LDL PROMOTIONAL ITEMS**

DGAs and consortiums are able to request GSA/LDL promotional items to use as giveaways at their events. All DGAs/consortiums can apply for GSA promotional items to give away as prizes at their event(s). Prizes are granted on a first-come-first-serve basis and are not guaranteed. DGA/consortium limit is two (2) requests per year. Prize type and availability based on current stock levels and at the discretion of GSA staff.

**FREE BEVERAGES (New this year!)**

DGAs and consortiums can request up to 48 cans of assorted pops, juices, or vitamin drinks from the GSA for your meetings or events per year. Request your free pops through the Event Submission Form.

**EQUIPMENT RENTAL & FILM SCREENING**

The GSA has a projector, a popcorn machine, a portable Bluetooth speaker, and a high-performance audio system set with speakers, mics, mixer board, and other accessories for rental. DGAs can request rentals of this equipment through the Event Submission Form. DGAs are asked to follow procedures and sign a rental agreement to access this equipment for events. If your DGA is screening a film or movie, a copyright licence is required. Contact copyright@ucalgary.ca for information and processing.

**WAIVERS AND WAIVER ADMINISTRATION**

It is the DGA’s responsibility to request appropriate waivers from the GSA for GSA-approved events to avoid potential claims resulted from body injury to event participants or third parties. The waiver template can be requested from the GSA via the Event Submission Form. Then, a GSA Staff will meet with your DGA’s Event Organizer(s) to inform how to properly administer event waivers.

**CLASSROOMS, TABLES, AND GREEN SPACE BOOKING**

DGAs are now able to book classrooms, green space, and tables through Conference and Event Management (CEM) for your meetings and events for free. Please view the Agreement between CEM and the GSA for more details on the GSA web site. All bookings need to be completed through the Event Submission Form. New for 2018-2019! There is no limit on how many classroom bookings a DGA/consortium can request per month. Please find more details on the CEM Classroom Booking Agreement for GSA Student Groups.
## OTHER CONTACTS FOR SPACE BOOKING ON CAMPUS

*(Please be advised that some conditions are applied to venue bookings on campus. Please coordinate with the venue to learn about these restrictions.)*

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<td>Please contact GSA Events Coordinator for details</td>
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<td>Grad Commons</td>
<td>Usually no</td>
<td>Please contact Jaya Dixit, FGS Student Advisor for details <a href="mailto:grad.advisor@ucalgary.ca">grad.advisor@ucalgary.ca</a></td>
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<td>Nickle Galleries</td>
<td>Usually no</td>
<td>Please contact Marla Halsted for details and booking requests (403) 210-6201, <a href="mailto:marla.halsted@ucalgary.ca">marla.halsted@ucalgary.ca</a></td>
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<td>Usually yes</td>
<td>Please contact Karen Delaney, Facility Booking Coordinator for bookings <a href="mailto:delaney@ucalgary.ca">delaney@ucalgary.ca</a></td>
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<td>Please contact Karen Delaney Facility Booking Coordinator P: 403.220.8510</td>
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Please also check out other UCalgary space booking contacts here: [https://www.ucalgary.ca/riskmgmt/events/booking-information](https://www.ucalgary.ca/riskmgmt/events/booking-information)

## CATERING FOR ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

Please note that if a GSG is hosting an on-campus event, not in a licensee or private residence, at which liquor and food will be served, you must use University of Calgary Food Services. This ensures the event and persons attending are covered by the University of Calgary’s liquor license, and are covered by and comply with the University’s insurance regulations. All food that is to be catered on campus for GSG events (excluding at the Last Defence Lounge, The Den or the Black Lounge) must be ordered through University of Calgary Food Services. Some exception applies. Please refer to the GSA’s Events Handbook for details.

**University of Calgary Food Services**

Phone: (403) 220-2242 | Website: [www.ucalgary.ca/ancillaryservices/foodservices](www.ucalgary.ca/ancillaryservices/foodservices)
ENGAGEMENT AND CONDUCT

The GSA would like to encourage students to involve themselves in DGA activities throughout the year. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will not discredit himself or herself, the University of Calgary, or the Graduate Students’ Association. The GSA prohibits acts which seriously interfere with the basic purposes, necessities and processes of the academic community or the greater community as a whole, or which deny the essential rights of other members of any community. DGAs need to abide by the non-academic misconduct policy as per the rules and regulations of the University. For reference, please visit: ucalgary.ca/conduct/policy/non-academic-misconduct-policy.

DIVERSITY AND DISCRIMINATION

The GSA is committed to providing a safe, proactive, and socially diverse environment for all aspects of the graduate student experience on campus. Discrimination, harassment, and intolerance are prohibited under Canadian law; any kind of behaviour that threatens DGA members’ worth, self-esteem or sense of value is strictly prohibited. Discrimination, whether intentional or unintentional, is unfair, differential treatment of individuals and groups based on prejudice, stereotypes, ignorance, and fear, for which there is no bona fide or reasonable justification and which imposes burdens, obligations, or disadvantages on individuals or groups as defined under the Alberta Human Rights Act (Act). The Act prohibits discrimination on the following grounds: race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, physical or mental disability, age, marital status, family status, ancestry, place of origin, source of income, sexual orientation or political beliefs.

The University of Calgary is governed by the Act. Harassment is a form of discrimination that involves unsolicited and unwelcome attention from a person who knows or reasonably ought to know such behaviour is unwelcome. Such unwelcome comment or conduct is intimidating, threatening, demeaning, or abusive and may be accompanied by direct or implied threats to grades, status, or job. Harassment has the impact or effect of creating a hostile or poisoned work or study environment and limits individuals in their pursuit of education, research, or work goals. Harassment can be discriminatory, sexual, or personal in nature. Discriminatory harassment takes the form of unwelcome behavior directed toward another person or group of persons based a prohibited ground of discrimination. Racial and religious harassment are examples of discriminatory harassment. Sexual harassment is a particular form of discrimination based on gender and is specifically defined in the University’s Harassment Policy.

REFERENCES

- Post-Secondary Learning Act
- GSA Bylaws
- DGA Creation Form
- DGA Change of Information/Operational Bursary Form
- Consortium Creation Form
- Consortium Change of Information/Operational Bursary Form
- Event Submission Form
- After Event Report Form
- Procedures and Guidelines for Administration of Waivers
- Events Handbook
- DGA Policy
- DGA Bylaws Template

Access all DGA and Consortium information and resources on the Association’s web site here: https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/dgasgrns/
APPENDIX A:
DGA AGREEMENT

As the authorized Representative of a Departmental Graduate Association (DGA) of the Graduate Students’ Association (GSA), I confirm I have fully read and understand the GSA’s DGA Handbook and the corresponding Policy and Procedures in their entirety. In accordance with these policies and procedures, our DGA agrees to:

- Act in the best interest of graduate students in our DGA at the GSA’s Graduate Representative Council (GRC), on all UCalgary councils and committees of which our DGA is apart, and in any circumstances where we are the official departmental representatives as identified by the GSA;
- Maintain a minimum of three (3) executives including President, Vice President, and Treasurer that are Active Members at all times (as defined in the GSA Bylaws);
- Operate according to the ratified governing document (Bylaws or Constitution) as submitted to the GSA;
- Submit a current version of the DGA governing document within two (2) weeks of any amendments;
- Abide by the GSA policies and procedures at all times, including but not limited to: DGA Policy, DGA Handbook, and Events Policy and Procedures;
- Submit the Change of Information Form annually before October 15 of each academic year, or as soon as our DGA is able, to update the GSA with new executives’ information, governing documents, bank signing authorities, and information of GRC representative(s);
- Ensure that our GRC representative(s) fulfill their duties in regards to attendance and representation in GRC meetings;
- Ensure funds are spent appropriately to meet the mandate of our DGA;
- Submit an Annual Report to the GSA by April 30 outlining the activities of the previous academic year;
- Ensure events are safe and healthy for members by properly assessing risks, administering waivers, and seeking additional necessary insurance for special events as outlined in GSA Events Handbook and required by the GSA;
- Submit an Event Submission Form in a timely manner as required by the GSA for event approval from the GSA – this is required for insurance purposes. All events that have not been approved in advance will not be recognized by the GSA and will not be insured;
- Submit an After Event Report Form with all event receipts to be eligible for a DGA Event Grant;
- Take responsibility for any repairs or replacement of the UCalgary property if damage has occurred during a DGA event; and
- Fulfill transition requirements when new executives are elected as outlined in the DGA Handbook, and report this to the GSA within a reasonable timeframe.

Failure to comply with these terms may result in the suspension of DGA funding, services, and other benefits as provided by the GSA up to and including de-ratification. Further, our DGA understands and agrees that any funding and/or services made available to DGAs are subject to availability of funds, equipment, and/or space allocation.

Signature

Name: ________________________________
Date: ________________________________