The GSA and the University of Alberta reside on Treaty 6 territory and the homeland of the Métis. This recognition of the ongoing collective responsibility in working with First Nations, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) peoples and what that means for the work of the GSA as it aims to practice the principles of being Good Relations with FNMI peoples, Nations, communities, and lands.

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Creating Solutions

The GSA Annual Report is designed to give GSA members—graduate students at the University of Alberta and beyond—understanding about our work and the priorities we set for the coming year. It is a document that also includes a summary of the accomplishments of the previous year, which we hope will provide context and help us all to better understand the work we have done together.

Grants & Awards

The GSA uses the proceeds from its annual awards program to provide financial assistance to graduate students in need. The GSA also offers grants to support graduate student research and projects.

We are particularly proud of our Attention to Sustaining and Strengthening the Union program, which was designed to support graduate students in the development of leadership skills and to help them to become effective advocates for their peers.

The New Landscape

The GSA has adapted to the challenges of the pandemic in a number of ways. We have continued to offer programming for graduate students, including online events and virtual orientations. We have also worked to ensure that graduate students have access to the resources they need to continue their studies.

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The GSA has partnered with the Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Network (AGPAN), which is a network of graduate student associations from across the province. The AGPAN is dedicated to advocating for the rights of graduate students and to ensuring that their voices are heard.

The GSA has also worked with the Academic Success Centre to provide resources and support for graduate students. The Academic Success Centre is a valuable resource for graduate students, and we are pleased to have been able to offer support to students who have been impacted by the pandemic.

The GSA has also worked to support graduate students who are raising children. We have worked with the Edmonton Students’ Union to provide child care grants and other supports for students who are caring for children.

The GSA has also been involved in a number of advocacy efforts, including the creation of a new health plan for graduate students.

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