#### **General Assembly Meeting**

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
GRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

October 1, 2025 12 -1pm

In person: Alumni Gallery, WT Young Library Remote: https://uky.zoom.us/j/83364843952

- 1. Opening Remarks
- 2. Call to Order (President: Edward Olajide)
- 3. Roll Call (Secretary: Chowdhury Azimul Haque)
  - a. Attendance



- b. Representative/Committee Forms
- 4. Guest Speaker Stuckert Career Center
  - i) Abbie Wood, Assistant Director, Graduate/Professional Students and Postdoctoral Scholars
- Gave a presentation on career support resources; explained how the Career Center can assist graduate students; and shared details about upcoming events.
- 5. Executive Board Reports (as applicable)
  - a. President
    - Increased participation within the committee
- Reminded about representative forms.
  - **b. Vice President** (Maisy Webster)
    - i. Start-to-Finish Mentor Program
      - Kick-off date: October 14, 2025
- Reminded of the mentor program and went through general details.
  - c. Chief of Staff and Operations (Deepti Adhikari)
    - i. Committee Assignments
- Review in progress of the graduate and professional organizations.

- d. **Secretary** (Chowdhury Azimul Haque)
- e. SGA Representative (Riccardo D'Amato)
  - i. Update(s) from the SGA
- The detailed report will be updated soon as next week.
  - f. External Affairs Officer
    - report given at committee level
  - g. Institutional Affairs Officer
    - i. report given at committee level
  - h. Treasurer (Kameron Cox)
  - Scouting for various funding sources
- Explored different funding sources, maintained communication with the President and Vice President, and considered opportunities for external funding.
  - j. Professional Student Affairs Officer (vacant)
  - k. Postdoctoral Affairs Officer (vacant)
- 6. Committee Reports (as applicable) Chair and Co-Chairs
  - **a. Awards** (Temidayo Ogunbanjo and Victor Ugwuegbu)
    - i. Application form for GSC Conference and Travel Awards work in progress
    - ii. Application form for GSC GPSO Funding work in progress
- The application form will be finalized soon.
- A question was raised regarding the number of award cycles for this academic year; it was clarified that the cycles will follow the same schedule as GPSO.
  - **b. Communications and Documents** (Chowdhury Azimul Haque and Levone Li)
    - i. Social media increasing interactions?
- Detailed plans will be shared to boost social media interactions.
  - c. Mental Health and Wellbeing (Eyitayo Akomolafe and Shabnam Ghorbani)
    - Update on Mental Health Awareness Week
- Mental Health Awareness Week will take place throughout next week, concluding on October 10. The
  event flyer has been shared.
  - d. Professional Development & Networking (Ally Moseley and Victor Ugwuegbu)
    - i. Plans from the Committee
    - ii. Networking Events
- Informal meetups are being planned. A professional meet-up will be organized, depending on availability.

- e. Institutional Research (Megan Hall)
  - i. Compiling 2025 report
- The survey report for the year 2025 is being obtained and the analysis will be shared in a future general meeting.
  - f. Institutional Advocacy (Megan Hall)
    - i. Work in progress for Fall 2025 regalia closet
    - ii. Plans for town hall/listening session
- The focus will be on Regalia. Preparations are underway for the Winter Commencement.
  - g. External Affairs (Adrianne Caudill)
    - Monthly review of any current events/news stories/laws that impact grad and professional students
- Planning to hold a second meeting and compiling stories that may benefit graduate students. The
  report is expected to be presented at the next meeting.
  - h. International Student Concerns (Amanda Gyesi and Rabeya Tus Sadia)
    - i. Plans from the Committee
  - i. Professional Student Affairs (vacant)
  - j. Appropriations and Revenue (vacant)
- 7. Open Floor/Discussions
- 8. Meeting Close

**Prepared by:** Chowdhury Azimul Haque (Secretary)

## MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

2025

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#### **VIRTUAL RESOURCE FAIR**

Time: 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

VIA ZOOM: QR CODE BELOW

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### **FITNESS CLASS: YOGA**

Time: 8:00 - 8:45 p.m.

JOHNSON STUDENT RECREATION CENTER





If you want to learn more about mental health resources, join us at our resource fair on Tuesday!





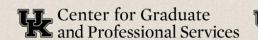


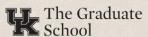
## **BE A MENTOR BE A MENTEE**

A multi-tiered mentorship program helping students, staff, faculty, and alumni connect across all disciplines.



### Program Kickoff on Oct. 14th











# EXPLORING CAREER PATHS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS



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## CAREER WORKSHOPS FOR MASTERS AND PHD STUDENTS

Overview of each employment sector, careers in that field, required skills, & strategies for breaking in!

SEPTEMBER 10	1-2 PM EST	CAREERS IN INDUSTRY
SEPTEMBER 24	1-2 PM EST	CAREERS IN GOVERNMENT
OCTOBER 8	1-2 PM EST	CAREERS IN NON-PROFIT
OCTOBER 22	1-2 PM EST	CAREERS IN CONSULTING
NOVEMBER 5	1-2 PM EST	CAREERS IN RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT
NOVEMBER 19	1-2 PM EST	CAREERS IN WRITING & PUBLISHING
DECEMBER 3	1-2 PM EST	CAREERS IN EDUCATION

ALL WORKSHOPS ON ZOOM: tinyurl.com/2025GradCareerSuccess ATTEND ONE, SOME, OR ALL!



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