



UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
GRADUATE STUDENT CONGRESS

General Assembly Meeting

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**
 - i. 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**
 - i. report given at committee level
 - g. **Institutional Affairs Officer**
 - i. report given at committee level
 - h. **Treasurer** (Kameron Cox)
 - i. 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)
 - i. 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)

- i. 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!

START-TO-FINISH

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



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

 Center for Graduate and Professional Services

 The Graduate School



EXPLORING CAREER PATHS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Series



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Abbie Wood, Ph.D.
Assistant Director of Graduate/Professional
Student & Post-Doctoral Career Support



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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