

Graduate Student Organization (PES)

The Plant and Environmental Sciences Graduate Student Organization (PES GSO) is a student club representing the PES graduate students both within the department and at NMSU. The PES GSO provides a venue for students to express concerns and provide input into departmental and university matters. By participating, students will have the opportunity to contribute to the department and enhance their graduate experience. The PES GSO members also have access to small grants to assist with professional meeting travel costs. Student representatives from PES GSO attend Graduate Student Council and PES departmental meetings. Additionally, the PES GSO actively participates in any new research faculty search committees. Monthly meetings/socials are held to discuss the current GSO and departmental activities. Club officers are elected at the start of each school year. Welcome to the department and NMSU and hope you look into joining our GSO.

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Additional web page, with "funding opportunities" link on main page:

ASNMSU: <http://asnmsu.nmsu.edu/index.html> "ASNMSU can provide graduate students with up to 49% of your costs relating to conference travel, research travel, and/or travel for competitions.

These expenses include airfare, hotel accommodations, transportation while away, etc. It is extremely easy to be eligible for these funds:

- I) You must be a member of a graduate student organization and/or the graduate student council
- II) You must complete 10 hours of community service for every \$3000 requested (proper forms and signatures must support comm service hours)
- III) You must be able to pay for all expenses and then ASNMSU can reimburse you upon rendering your receipts
- IV) A senator must write a bill for your request of funds which must be approved by the Senate.

If all community service has been done prior to your request, the typical time frame for approval is 2 weeks." To collect forms go to Corbette Center Student Union (CCSU) ASNMSU office on the second floor to collect the forms.

Check the following websites for:

1. Grad school funding:

<http://gradschool.nmsu.edu/gradschool/announcements.html>

2. Grad Student Council:

http://www.nmsu.edu/Academic_Progs/wwwgsc/public_html/

In order to apply for funding from GSC and ASNMSU you MUST complete your comm service hrs ahead of submission. However, for the grad school you do not.

To get a list of approved community service activities go to the Campus Activities office (CCSU second floor, opp. the info desk)...

check with the info desk if you have difficulty finding these offices.

By laws for the Graduate Student Organization:

<http://aghort.nmsu.edu/bylaws.html>