



GSAC Chairperson 2010-2012 Graduate Assistantship Appointment Available

The Graduate Student Advisory Committee is soliciting applications for its Chairperson for the 2010-2012 academic years. The Chairperson of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee is awarded a full-time, non-teaching graduate assistantship/doctoral associateship for the fall, spring, summer I and summer II terms. The stipend for each term is as follows (2010-2012 rates): \$20,344 for a doctoral student (Fall \$6,781; Spring \$6,781; Summer I \$3,391; and Summer II \$3,391) and \$16,480 for a master's student (Fall \$5,493; Spring \$5,493; Summer I \$2,747; and Summer II \$2,747). In addition, the appointment includes a tuition scholarship as follows: Doctoral students shall be granted 9 credits of tuition remission during each of Fall/Spring semesters, and 3 credits of tuition remission during each of Summer I/Summer II sessions; Master's students shall be granted 6 credits of tuition remission during each of Fall/Spring semesters, and 3 credits of tuition remission during each of Summer I/Summer II sessions. The service requirement is 20 hours per week. All regularly admitted, degree-seeking graduate students in good academic standing are eligible to apply for the position, regardless of degree level.

The GSAC Chairperson's duties include recruiting graduate student members, chairing GSAC meetings by following standard rules of protocol, coordinating and promoting numerous events, ensuring that University Councils and Committees have graduate student representation, managing the GSAC budget with the assistance of a budget analyst and GSAC Vice chairperson, ensuring that planning and budgeting for the future is carried out in accordance with the wishes of the members and Student Assessment Fee (SAF) guidelines, and meeting with University officials to advocate on behalf of graduate students and representing the graduate student population whenever appropriate, including at the state and national levels. The office of the GSAC is located in the Graduate College, Walwood Hall.

The Chairperson Selection Committee seeks applicants for the position who meet the following criteria:

- Degree-seeking WMU graduate student for at least one semester, in good academic standing
- Ability to commit to the position year-round, for the next two years
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to function well independently
- Effective leadership style and interpersonal relations skills
- Excellent writing and public speaking skills
- Tactful, approachable, impartial and objective
- Desire to improve the life of graduate students at WMU
- Willingness to get involved in frequent contact with a wide variety of students, faculty, and administrators

It is ***STRONGLY*** recommended that interested candidates familiarize themselves with GSAC, our role and function within the university, and past and present activities and initiatives. This can be done by exploring our website (www.wmich.edu/gsac), looking at our past minutes, etc. We also ***strongly*** recommend familiarization yourself with the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students website (<http://www.nagps.org/>) for a national perspective on issues facing graduate education.

Interested individuals may apply by submitting a resume, cover letter and three (3) letters of recommendation to Linda Comrie, 260 W Walwood Hall, by **Friday February 19, 2010**.