

Hey fellow graduate students, below is our bi-annual semester report. It details all of the goings-on of the GSA for the last few months. Let us know what you think! **OUR FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF THE SPRING SEMESTER IS ALREADY SCHEDULED.** Join us on **Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>!** As always, email [gsa@npe.nmt.edu](mailto:gsa@npe.nmt.edu) with any questions or concerns.

**General Business:**

We have a theme for the 2019 interdisciplinary symposium. This year, the symposium will focus on sustainability and renewable energy. If you're interested in helping getting the symposium together, don't hesitate to contact us!

**Most of you have heard by now but the new website has officially launched.**



Use the website to apply for travel grants, look into healthcare, and find job opportunities available for graduate students.

The GSA's volunteer point system has been automated. Every active graduate student in the GSA volunteer point list will now be able to access their detailed volunteer point count. To be included in this automatic system, please send an email to [jose.martinezclaros@student.nmt.edu](mailto:jose.martinezclaros@student.nmt.edu) with a blank message.

**Budget Overview**

The GSA is in good financial health. We have some opportunities for additional funding next semester. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us!

Fall 2018 Expenditures	Amounts
Fall Travel Grants†	\$6,875.00
Winter Travel Grants†	\$5,500.00
Thanksgiving Dinner	\$2,056.30
49ers Parade	\$115.52
GSA Meetings	\$282.61
GSA BBQ	\$112.00
PAS Sponsorship (annual)	\$7,000.00
AAUW Salary Workshop	\$250.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22,191.43</b>

† Awarded

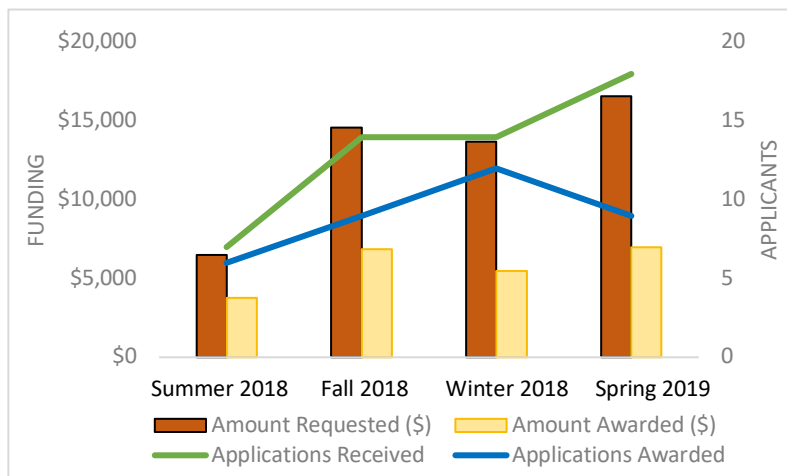
**Events Summary:**

We had five events this semester:

- GSA/Center for Grad Students Picnic**
  - 150 in attendance
  - Invited the President and other notable administrative officials
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**
  - 175 in attendance
  - 400 pounds of food and clothing donated to Puerto Seguro shelter
- AAUW Salary Negotiation Workshop**
- Voter Registration Drive**
  - 50 people newly registered to vote!
- 49ers Parade**
  - Winner, best student float 2 years running!

**Travel Grant Review:**

- In total, GSA received 53 complete applications during the last four travel grant periods (Summer 2018 to Fall 2019), with total requested travel fund amount of \$51,373.
- In total, 17 volunteers were involved as review committee members during the last four travel grant periods.



**President's Corner**

Vice President José and I recently attended the annual NMT leadership retreat. Here, we discussed our vision for what New Mexico Tech should strive for over the next 10 years. Our priorities focused on diversity and inclusiveness. We wanted to highlight the graduate students' diverse backgrounds and how that benefits the school. What else should NMT work to improve in the near future? Let us know at the next GSA meeting!

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