



Dear fellow graduate and professional students...

On behalf of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA), welcome to George Mason University! We are thrilled that you have chosen to join our vibrant and flourishing community of students, faculty, and staff here at Mason. We're confident that your time here -- whether for two years or for five -- will be fruitful and filled with learning, networking, and setting the stage for your future career success. We're also incredibly thankful that you've decided to attend Mason out of all the possible schools you could have chosen; your unique background, experience, and passions will be an integral part to shaping the Mason community.

As a brief introduction, GAPSA is a University-recognized organization dedicated to representing our students and advocating for their interests to University faculty and administration. Our organization has the unique benefit of having a direct voice with decision-making groups like the Board of Visitors and the faculty Graduate Council. We are comprised of a student executive board and an Assembly of representatives from each of the graduate and professional programs at Mason.

If during your tenure here at Mason, you ever have questions or encounter challenges that go beyond the scope of your immediate program, please feel free to reach out to us. We are here to support your journey as a student and ensure that you have what you need to succeed. Best of luck as you begin your academic year!

In your service,  
Steven Zhou, *President*  
on behalf of the GAPSA executive board



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