

Information for Graduate Students

Graduate Research Colloquium

The annual GRC is an opportunity for Graduate Students to share their research with the University and gain experience presenting that research to colleagues. The presentations are judged by Michigan Tech faculty using a pre-determined rubric and awards are presented for the best posters and presentations. GSG also awards individuals who have made significant contributions to graduate education and those who have proven to be exceptional scholars, leaders, mentors. The GRC Banquet also included a Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Style Research Speech Competition in which contestants were required to describe their research in 3 minutes with the help of one slide. The guests then cast their votes for the winner. Make sure to congratulate the following individuals if you see them around campus!

Exceptional Student Scholar: Xu Yang

Exceptional Student Leader: Abhilash Kantamneni

Exceptional Graduate Mentor: Dr. Greg Odegard

Graduate Service Awards: Zachary Champion, Muraleekrishnan Menon, Samuel Roache

3MT Competition Winner: Abhilash Kantamneni

1st Place Oral Presentation: Jennifer Fuller

2nd Place Oral Presentation: Margo Woller-Carter

3rd Place Oral Presentation: Melanie Talaga

Most Attended Oral Presentation: Melanie Talaga

1st Place Poster Presentation: Ida Fonkoue

2nd Place Poster Presentation: Kaitlin Reinl

3rd Place Poster Presentation: Ruilong Han

Favorite Poster: Bethany Klemetsrud

For more information about the GRC and pictures from this year, please visit our website: <http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/colloquium.html>.



Health Insurance Open Forum

GSG, USG and Human Resources are co-sponsoring a Student Health Insurance Open Forum on **Monday, March 16th** from 12 PM to 1 PM. Topics will include: understanding the basics of health insurance (What is a co-pay? What is a deductible?), understanding how health insurance works in the USA, and a review of the student health insurance plan at the University. Lunch for both vegetarians and non-vegetarians will be provided. You may submit questions you would like answered using our anonymous contact form (<http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/contact.html>), or by emailing the GSG Vice-President, Marco La Manna (mlamanna@mtu.edu). The deadline to submit questions is **Friday, March 13th** at 3 PM.

Applications for Summer 2015 Softball League Coordinator Position now open!

It may not look like it, but Summer Softball is just around the corner! If you are planning on spending the summer in the UP and interested in organizing GSG's Summer Softball League, please visit our website (<http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/softball.html>) for coordinator duties and the application. The application deadline is **Tuesday, March 31st**. If you have any questions, please email them to the GSG Vice-President, Marco La Manna, at mlamanna@mtu.edu.

Zipcar

This spring break, staying local doesn't have to mean staying in. Get off campus with Zipcar. The cars that live right on campus can be reserved by the hour or by the day. With gas and insurance included in every reservation, they're perfect for a road trip. Join Zipcar today for only \$25, and get \$45 in driving credit. Enter promo code **MTUSPRINGZIP** on your application*, and you'll be on your way to a spring break adventure in no time. Learn more or join Zipcar today at zipcar.com/mtu. (*Promotion applies to students, faculty and staff and expires on 4/15/2015.)

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Transportation over Spring Break

Transportation Services shuttle service will operate 7 AM to 5:30 PM Monday, March 9th — Friday, March 13th. The shuttle services the Memorial Union Building to the SDC and stops at both the Lower and Upper Daniell Heights' bus stop. The shuttle will also stop hourly at the Lakeshore Center. The city of Houghton will not be operating on campus, which includes the MTU afternoon shuttle. For questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Angie Kolehmainen at 487-3288.

Daniell Heights Renovations

The University is planning a scheduled maintenance project in Daniell Heights that will occur over the next four years. The project is scheduled to begin this July and continue through each apartment building until completion in 2019. This project will require each resident in the 1801—1810, 1812, and 1901 to move one time during the 2015-2016 contract year. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Bennett (ryanbenn@mtu.edu).

Inter-Residence Hall Council

IRHC is the main contact between the housing administration and the residential body, mainly the residence halls. Daniell Heights currently does not have representation at the campus level. As DH houses mainly graduate students and their families, IRHC is asking for any graduate students interested in representing DH to the administration to work with IRHC on developing a constitution. This would give graduate students living in DH a voice to the housing administration. If you are interested in working to include DH under the governance of IRHC, please contact Andrew Baldwin (irhc@mtu.edu).



Travel Grants

GSG Travel grants assist with the costs of attending or presenting graduate research at a conference. Applications for the Summer Term will open on May 16th. For more information, visit our website (http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/travel_grants.html).

Student Commission

Student Commission provides a venue for students, faculty and staff to have open dialogue about the types of programs, services and opportunities that contribute to a successful educational experience. If you have a concern or suggestion about campus and campus life, you may contact Student Commission using an online form on their website (<http://www.mtu.edu/student-affairs/administration/vp/committees/student-commission/>).

Questions or Concerns?

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions related to Graduate Student life at Michigan Tech but do not know where to direct them, consider submitting them to our anonymous contact form (<http://gsg.students.mtu.edu/contact.html>). Additionally, you may reach us by email (gsg@mtu.edu). Our email is regularly checked by the President and Public Relations Chair.

For More Information

Please visit our website for more information about GSG: <http://gsg.students.mtu.edu>

Additional information about important new policies and events can be found on our blog: <http://gsgmtu.wordpress.com/>

You can email us directly: gsg@mtu.edu

You can also find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GraduateStudentGovernment>

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