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for Graduate Students**

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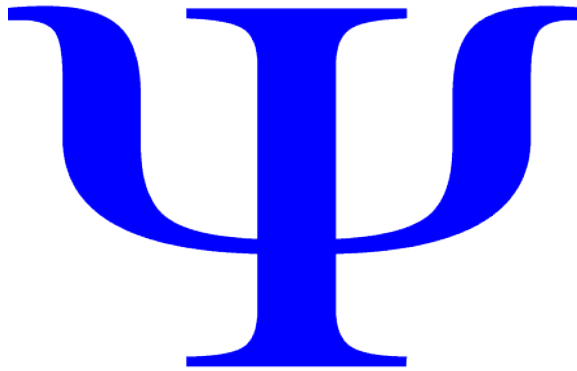
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What is MPAGS?

MPAGS is the Maryland Psychological Association for Graduate Students, a section within the Maryland Psychological Association (MPA).

MPAGS aims to aid graduate psychology students by fulfilling its three missions:

1. Continue the professional development of graduate psychology students by providing a formal structure for communicating and networking with students in the state;
2. Provide a platform for students to discuss training issues;
3. Maintain a flow of information about the important resources and services for aspiring psychologists.

What is the history of MPAGS?

In 1996, several members of the MPA created the MPA Graduate Student Committee as an ad hoc committee to MPA. This year marked the beginning of more formal graduate student involvement in MPA functions and the first Internship fair.

In 2002, MPA unanimously approved the creation of MPAGS and the first board members were elected. In 2003 the MPAGS Chair assumed a position as a full voting member of MPA's Board of Directors.

As of 2008, MPAGS serves over 140 psychology graduate student members from over a dozen Maryland graduate psychology programs.

Who is on the MPAGS Board?

MPAGS is run by a board of graduate psychology students including the Chair, Chair-Elect, Convention Chair, Advocacy Chair, Communications Chair, Diversity Chair, and Membership Chair.

There are campus representatives who serve as liaisons with each graduate program as well.

The following are a few MPAGS activities:

- Each year MPAGS hosts an Internship Fair/Convention open to all graduate psychology students;
- MPAGS members can serve as mentors to undergraduate psychology students to assist them in the graduate school application process and provide them with information and insight on careers in psychology;
- Psychology graduate students are invited to participate in Annapolis Watch, an annual day of meeting with state legislators about current healthcare issues.

Other MPAGS services:

- Opportunities to publish in MPA's journal, *The Maryland Psychologist*, and act as co-presenters with MPA leaders at APA conventions;
- Networking opportunities with early career psychologists;
- Reduced fees for continuing education seminars;
- Access to all materials and resources on the MPA website as well as the MPA listserv.