COGS is the body of student government that officially represents the graduate students at Florida State University including: post-baccalaureate, special, masters, specialist, professional, and doctoral students. We are comprised of representatives from all 15 colleges and schools as well as special advocates that are elected every Fall semester.

We provide an official voice for the opinions of graduate students to be expressed via resolutions. We also provide funding to graduate students in the form of travel grants and funds to recognized student organizations for programs and activities. All of these decisions are made by the representatives and voted on during our bi-monthly meetings.

Elections for each representative seat are held every Fall semester during Student Government elections and voted on by graduate students in the respective college. Vacant seats can be filled at any time by petition into the assembly which can be found online at: [http://sga.fsu.edu/cogs-rep2b.shtml](http://sga.fsu.edu/cogs-rep2b.shtml) - Or Scan our QR code to take you directly to our home page!

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### Upcoming Events

- **August 21 (5pm):** COGS Graduate Student Orientation Social - Township
- **August 27 (6pm):** First COGS meeting of the Fall semester - HCB 103
- **August 29 (1pm):** SGA Welcome Back BBQ - Oglesby Union Ballrooms
- **August 30 (10am-2pm):** Part-Time Job Fair - Oglesby Union Ballrooms
- **August 31 (7:30pm):** Pride Student Union Drag Show - Oglesby Union Moore Auditorium
- **September 2 (5pm):** First Women’s Soccer game vs UCLA
- **September 3 (8pm):** First Football game vs Virginia Tech
- **September 3: Labor Day (No classes)**
- **September 4 (2-4pm):** FSU Libraries Open House - Strozier
- **September 7 (6pm):** First Volleyball game vs VCU - Tully Gym
- **September 12 (10am-12:30pm):** Free Headshots - Shores Building
- **September 18 (10:30am-3pm):** STEM Resume Cafe - FAMU/FSU College of Engineering Building A
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- **August 30:** Last day to drop/add a class without paying fees
- **August 31:** Last day to request VA deferment
- **September 7:** Last day to pay/defer tuition and fees
- **September 14:** Last day to apply for Travel & Presentation Grants for the Fall 2018 graduation
- **October 1:** First day to apply for COGS Travel & Presentation Grants for the November-February period
- **October 12:** Last day to drop a class without a grade
- **October 22:** Last day to submit doctoral dissertation for pre-defense review

### Did you know?

The Leach Student Recreation Center offers a FREE 90-minute session with a Fitness Coach to all students. Just stop by the fitness desk at the Leach Center to sign up!