



Carnegie Mellon University Graduate Student Assembly Legislative Platform

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In this document, "GSA" refers to the Carnegie Mellon University Graduate Student Assembly.

1. GSA supports city sponsored infrastructure and regulations that improve safety conditions for bikers in the city of Pittsburgh.
2. GSA supports improved and alternative methods of recourse for students against maltreatment by landlords.
3. GSA urges the city of Pittsburgh to uphold the Fourth Amendment rights of immigrants within its borders to the extent to which it is able, i.e. to become a "Sanctuary" city.
4. GSA strongly opposes any measure that would withhold federal or state funding from Fourth Amendment or "Sanctuary" cities.
5. GSA supports the right of graduate student employees to unionize.
6. GSA urges the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to comply with the REAL ID Act requirements.
7. GSA supports measures that will increase funding for public transit across Pennsylvania.
8. GSA urges the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to uphold the principles and provisions of the Comprehensive Transportation Funding Plan or Act 89.
9. GSA supports legislation that will ease access to voting for students.
10. GSA supports legislation that will help to eliminate the problem of food insecurity on college campuses while positively impacting graduate students.
11. GSA supports measures that will lead to periodic publishing of anonymized, aggregate and non-identifying data regarding reports of sexual harassment and gender-based violence incidents occurring on university campuses, including the ones that were resolved informally.
12. GSA supports measures that will improve systems to report and prevent incidence of sexual violence across university campuses.
13. GSA supports access to affordable and comprehensive health care for all graduate students and their dependents, including international students.
14. GSA supports extending the federal privacy protections for student treatment records at post-secondary institutions. Student treatment records should not be disclosed to any party not directly involved in the treatment of the student without the student's consent, regardless of whether any previous disclosure has occurred.
15. GSA strongly supports measures that will facilitate domestic revalidation of F-type visas.
16. GSA urges lawmakers and executive departments to streamline the F-type visa revalidation process by mandating deadlines within which the process is completed.
17. GSA supports measures that will provide equal opportunities to students to apply for different fellowship programs, irrespective of their country of origin.
18. GSA opposes any measure that would result in increased loan costs to graduate students or that cuts funding from the Federal student loan programs.
19. GSA supports the reinstatement of subsidized Stafford loans for graduate students.



20. GSA urges the U.S. Department of Education to reunify the undergraduate and graduate student loan interest rates.
21. GSA strongly supports federal measures that incentivize Open Access publishing of research.
22. GSA strongly opposes cuts to federal funding for research. Furthermore, GSA supports the funding of graduate study for all fields, not just STEM fields.
23. GSA strongly opposes blanket bans on international student entry based on their country of origin, religion, and/or field of study.
24. GSA supports programs that will provide support and guidance for undocumented students and their families eligible under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program who face displacement locally and nationally.
