

Graduate Student Organization: News & Views

Upcoming Events:

November 15: GSO Senate Meeting, 5:30pm, SAC.

November 16: Immigration Options After Graduation, 1-3pm, Wang Center Lecture Hall 1 (see second page for details).

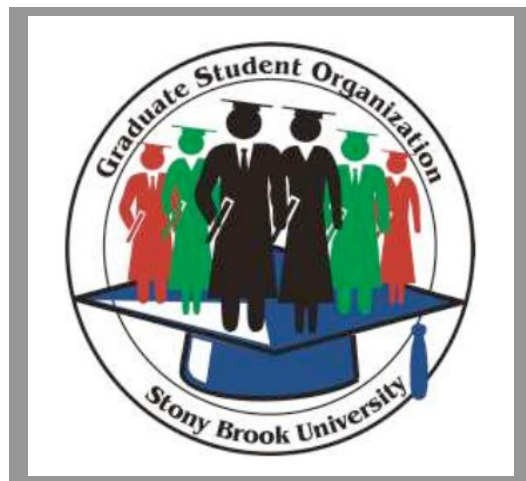
November 22: Distinguished Travel Award Applications due!

November 30: Legal Clinic, 2-4pm, SAC 304.

December 6: Budget Committee Meeting, 5:30pm, SAC 227.

December 7: Legal Clinic, 2-4pm, SAC 304.

December 13: Senate Meeting, 5:30pm, Wang Center.



LEGAL CLINIC!

GSO is holding Legal Clinics on **November 30 AND December 7** (Wednesday) in SAC 304, from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Please e-mail sbgrad.legalclinic@gmail.com to schedule an appointment with your name, ID, department, preferred meeting time and contact information (phone number).

Appointments are every 15 minutes and you must make an appointment to be seen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Immigration Options After Graduation

Are you curious about H-1B, O-1, J-1, TN status or a “Green Card”? What is the H-1B cap? Learn more from an expert on Immigration Law. This program is open to all international students at any point in their academic career.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

When: Wednesday, November 16th,
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Where: Wang Center
Lecture Hall 1

Sign the petition to reinstate tax-exempt status for graduate stipends!

Would you like a tax-exempt graduate stipend? Then sign the petition at whitehouse.gov; and then tell your friends to sign it too.

Text of the Petition:

As our economy is in turmoil and manufacturing jobs continue to be shipped overseas, it is an accepted fact that technology and innovation will carry our economy into the 21st century. This innovative, cutting-edge thinking is not being done by bankers, lobbyists, or hedge-fund managers. Innovating is done in the laboratory by Ph.D. and M.S. students. To make the long process of getting a professional degree less incentivized does a huge detriment to our country's future. If various efforts are being made to purchase a home by adding tax exemptions or rebates, it seems only fitting to restore the tax exempt status of graduate student stipends to promote this difficult but worthwhile career path.

Please restore the federal tax exempt status lost in 1986 to graduate student stipends.

Link for Petition:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/petitions/!/petition/reinstate-tax-exempt-status-graduate-student-stipends/rXJf6HIP>

Distinguished Travel Awards!



The Distinguished Travel Award is a special line of funding designated to support graduate students who present their work at prestigious conferences, performances and professional meetings that will contribute to and build the national and international reputation of their department and the University.

This is a competitive award funded by the Graduate School and the Graduate Student Organization. A student may receive this award only once during his/her academic career at Stony Brook University. Award recipients will be reimbursed after their conference/performance, as per the RAP funding guidelines. *Award amounts may not exceed \$1500.*

2011-2012 Application deadlines:
Conferences/Performances occurring between July 1- December 30, 2011
November 22, 2011 at 11:59pm EST

For additional information (FAQs) and an application form please visit: <http://sbqso.org/node/8073>.