

Bill # 71-21

**The Graduate and Professional Student Association  
(GPSA)  
The Pennsylvania State University**



**of the 71st Assembly**  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

*Be it decided by the Assembly of Elected Delegates,*

**Co-sponsorship for Indian Graduate Student Association  
Co-sponsoring IGSA's Event 'Jashn'**

(Decided: [ Y / N / A ])

**Nature of the Situation:**

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2 In accordance with the missions of the Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA),  
3 the GPSA seeks to support external graduate student organizations that enrich the lives of  
4 graduate and professional students at Penn State. One of these organizations is the Indian  
5 Graduate Student Association (IGSA). Formed in the Spring of 2003, this student-run organization  
6 acts as a welcoming community for Indian graduate and professional students and post-doctoral  
7 scholars at Penn State. IGSA's goals are to provide incoming Indian graduate and professional  
8 students and scholars the know-how of navigating the graduate/professional life in State College,  
9 help smoothen their transition to a new place, and showcase Indian culture and traditions in the  
10 diverse communities here at Penn State.

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12 In line with its goals, IGSA is planning on hosting an event titled 'Jashn' on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at  
13 the Freeman Auditorium. 'Jashn', which loosely translates as 'Celebration', provides a unique  
14 platform for undergraduate and graduate students at Penn State and the Indian community in the  
15 State College area to showcase the rich Indian culture to the audiences at University Park through  
16 performing arts. IGSA aims to encourage student collaborations outside of the classroom  
17 environment as well as learn about the ever-evolving Indian performing arts through this event.

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**Recommended Course of Action:**

The Graduate and Professional Student Association agrees to co-sponsor IGSA's event 'Jashn' on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The total cost of the event is \$6339.99, and the GPSA is being requested to fund \$1500 (~23.43% of the total cost). The remaining amount is being funded by UPAC. The items to be funded are as follows:

Food (catered by India Pavilion): \$1300  
Props and decorations: \$200

Total amount requested from GPSA: \$1500

Respectfully submitted,

**Sandeep Krishnakumar**  
Speaker of the Assembly  
Delegate, College of Engineering

President \_\_\_\_\_

Affirm      Veto

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The Graduate and Professional Student Association

# GPSA Co-Sponsorship Request Form



The Penn State Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) must follow certain rules when providing funding for co-sponsorships for events or other items. Please make sure to read these guidelines carefully before requesting GPSA funding.

- **The GPSA must be given one week's notice of collaboration with any external organization. The purpose is to ensure that the organization is in compliance with the University's Core Values including diversity, inclusion, and equity.**
- A GPSA Delegate must submit a funding bill to the Assembly, and the GPSA must be involved in planning the event. Visit [gpsa.psu.edu/assembly](https://gpsa.psu.edu/assembly) to find contact information for current Assembly Delegates.
- A budget breakdown of event costs must be submitted with this form
- The event must be open to all students (undergraduate, graduate, professional)
- The GPSA will only fund specific line items (i.e. food, room rentals, speaker fees, etc.); preference will be given to payments made directly by the GPSA to vendors via invoice, and transfers to a student organization account or reimbursements to an individual for payments made are strongly discouraged
- Because the GPSA's funding comes from the University Park Student Fee Board, at most up to 90% of the event cost can be funded from the GPSA for co-sponsorships

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## Request Information

**Request Date:** Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Organization Name:** Indian Graduate Students' Association

**Organization Contact Person:** Suhas Bettapalli Nagaraj

**Email:** [suhas@psu.edu](mailto:suhas@psu.edu)

**GPSA Representative Sponsoring Request:** Sandeep Krishnakumar

**Email:** [SandeepKrish@psu.edu](mailto:SandeepKrish@psu.edu)

## Event Details

**Event Name:** Jashn 2022

**Date and Time of Event:** March 25<sup>th</sup> 2022, 4:00-8:00 PM

**Event Location:** Freeman Auditorium

**Estimated Total Attendance:** 300-320

**Graduate/Professional Students:** 275

**Ticket or Pre-Registration Required:** Free (Preregistration required)

**Cost to Attend Event:** 0 (FREE)

**Brief Event Description:** As the Indian Graduate Student Association, we organize and host an annual Indian-themed cultural event in the spring semester called 'Jashn', loosely translated as 'Celebration'. In accordance with the name, our goal is to provide a unique platform for undergraduate and graduate students at Penn State and the Indian community in the State College area to showcase the rich Indian culture to the audiences at University Park through performing arts. We hope that our event encourages student collaborations outside of the classroom environment as well as learn about the ever-evolving Indian performing arts.

**How Event Will Be Advertised:** Posters, and social media

## Funding Details

**Total Requested from GPSA:** 1500

We hope that GPSA can fund the cost of props for the event and the food from India Pavillion.

This breakdown is USD 1300 (Food) + USD 200 (Props for the event).

The cost split up is  $325 \times (\text{USD } 4 \text{ per person})$

**Total Cost of Event:** 6339.99

**Please also submit a budget breakdown of event costs with this form**

USD 1300 (Food) + USD 200 (Props for the event).

The cost split up is  $325 \times (\text{USD } 4 \text{ per person consisting of 3 items: USD } 1.75 + 1.5 + 0.75 \text{ respectively}) = 1300$

**Funding Amount Requested From Other Sources (By Source):** 4839.99 (UPAC)

**Vendors Being Used:** India Pavillion (Food) & Music Mart (Audio)

**Vendors Accept Penn State Purchase Orders (Yes/No):** Yes

**Vendor Willing to Invoice GPSA (Yes/No):** Yes

**If you answered no to both of the above questions, you will need to discuss payment options with the GPSA treasurer at least one month before your event**

## For GPSA Treasurer Use

**Bill Number:**

**Total Approved:**

**Total Paid:**

**Bill Close Date:**