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# **Physics Graduate Student Council (PGSC)**

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# PGSC: Constructed & Run by Physics Grad Students

Our mission: to improve the well-being and success of graduate students in the department. Specifically:

- **Facilitate communication** with the department and advocate on behalf of the graduate students,
- Assist the department in **welcoming new students** and **recruiting prospective students**,
- Promote **social cohesion** among graduate students, and
- Provide resources to **help prepare students** for post-graduate careers.

# Physics Graduate Student Council Organizational Chart

**President**  
Cameron Kuchta

**Vice President**  
Luca Riitano

All officers can be found  
on our website:  
[pgsc.physics.wisc.edu](http://pgsc.physics.wisc.edu)

## Committee Chairs

**Recruit & Welcome**  
Jack Reily  
Michael Martinez

**Professional Dev.**  
Shivani Lomte  
Soyeon Choi

**Peer Mentoring**  
Vedant Basu

**Social Activities**  
Elise Chavez

## Advocacy Team

**1st Year Rep**  
Zach Curtis-Ginsberg

**2nd/3rd Year Rep**  
Jesse Osborn

**4th/5th+ Year  
Rep**  
Vacant

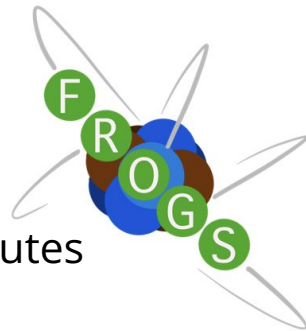
**International Rep**  
Priya Rajkumar

# Recruit & Welcome (Jack & Michael)

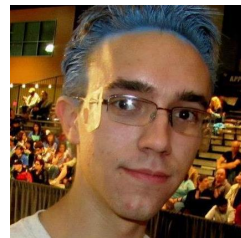
- Orientation for new graduate students (August)
- Prospective student weekends (This!)



# Professional Development (Soyeon & Shivani)



- Organizes professional development events, conglomerates and distributes related resources for graduate students
  - [#professional-development](#), [#papers-\\*](#) Slack channel
- 2020: Grad Student Professional Development Seminar Series
  - [FROGS: \(F\)phenomenal Research Open Graduate Seminars](#)
  - [UWMadison-PGSC Professional Development Seminar Series](#)
- Spring 2022: Received Professional Development grant
  - [Ryan J. Roussel](#), Associate Scientist from SLAC
- Fall 2022:
  - 9/8/22 Professional Student Headshots
  - 10/10/22: NSF Graduate Fellowship Application workshop
  - 11/7/22: TA Panel Discussion
  - 12/2/22: Physicists in Finance: A Personal Journey by Dr Senthil Sundaram
- Spring 2023:
  - 3/31/23: Special Research Colloquium
  - [TBD] Speaker from a national lab / private industry



*Professional Headshot by Sabrina Wu*

# Peer Mentoring (Vedant)

- First-year students matched with older student mentors
- Aim to ease transition into grad school
- Events planned this year:
  - Board game nights
  - Trivia nights





# Social (Elise)

Planned events this year:

- Halloween Party
- Thanksgiving/Winter Party
- Valentine's Party
- Earth Day Party
- End of Semester Party
- Cookie Time
- Zoom Socials



# Advocacy Team

- Grad student reps on faculty committees
- International student fees, movie nights, and tax prep
- Town halls
- Grad student lounge improvements
- Advocated for:
  - Changes to graduate minor
  - Department climate survey
  - Faculty mentoring committees
  - Resolution to paycheck issues
  - Changes to qualifying exam
  - Started UW-Madison APS Chapter
  - And much more!





# Contact

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- Also available via Slack

Questions?

**Comments + Questions**

