

Annual Committee Report Template (2022-2023)
Reporting on activities from November 2022-May 2023

1. Date of report:

May 2023

2. Name of Committee:

Graduate Student Committee (GSC)

3. Name and site affiliation of the Committee Chair (or co-chairs or Executive Team):

Moriah Young (KBS) & AJ Lodge (NWT)

4. List of current members:

Representative Name	Site
AJ Krieger Lodge	NWT
Bradley Kryzsiak	MCM
Brian Kim	BLE
Carina Berlinger	HFR
Cassandra Miller	SEV
Chris Vito	JRN
Chris Whitney	PIE
Dana Cook	MCR
Danielle Barnas	MCR
Emily Ortega	NGA
Jamee Adams	CCE
Jeff Haight	CAP
Kinsey Tedford	VCR
Kristen Michaud	SBC
Kristin Olson	BNZ
Logan Pallin	PAL
Madaline Cochrane	HBR
Maria Park	CDR
Mariely Vega	LUQ
Matt Pierce	GCE
Miraflor Santos	NES
Moriah Young	KBS
Natasha Christman	ARC

Representative Name	Site
Nina Ferrari	AND
Parikrama (Pari) Sapkota	JRN
Quintin Diou-Cass	PAL
Ralph Torres	CCE
Rickie Ewton	NES
Rosalie Terry	KNZ
Tommy Shannon	FCE
Xiating Chen	MSP
Zach Perry	AND

5. How membership is determined (identified by sites, voluntary, appointed by the Executive Board, etc.)

A graduate student representative (sometimes two, in a primary/secondary representative configuration) is selected internally from within each site's graduate student community. Each site receives a singular vote on committee motions. Co-chairs are nominated and chosen through committee-wide elections.

6. Meeting frequency:

Monthly

7. Major activities or accomplishments for the year:

At the beginning of 2023, we implemented working groups and revised our internal RFP process.

8. Currently active subcommittees or working groups:

Our working groups include: events & initiatives, social media, and community.

9. Planned activities for the coming year:

- Currently solidifying the role of graduate student representatives across sites
- Outreach – continuation of LTER community Instagram (@lter_community)
- Outreach – Relaunch of LTER community Short Stories About Long Term Research (SSALTER) blog in summer 2023 (<<https://lternet.edu/category/ssalter>>)
- LTER climate survey in fall 2023
- Visual media professional skills development seminar & workshop session 1 in fall 2023
- LTER graduate student community trivia events

10. Any recent or upcoming changes in leadership, purpose, or process:

We recently appointed two new co-chairs, AJ Lodge and Moriah Young. We also implemented a working group structure in early 2023.

11. **Do you have specific questions, problems, or proposals for the LTER Science Council for actions that could improve the quality or quantity of research, education, engagement, or inclusion in the LTER Network? (Please include adequate background for a non-specialist.)** *Your report will be distributed to members of the Science Council and Executive Board before the May Meeting. The Committee's Executive Board representative will have about 5 minutes to present at the meeting and an additional 5 minutes for questions/discussion. We find that both the committees and Principal Investigators get more out of this face-to-face opportunity if the presentation focuses less on reporting activities and more on questions or issues that require discussion and input or action from the Science Council. Questions, issues or proposals that generate significant discussion at the Science Council Meeting may become the focus of deeper discussion at Executive Board or Lead PI Meetings throughout the coming year.*

We are currently in the process of solidifying the role of graduate student representatives across LTER sites and would like to discuss our proposed duties and responsibilities.