To: GSA Council  
From: Zhihong Pan  
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Dear Council Colleagues,

As per GSA Bylaw and Policy, the GSA Awards Selection Committee (GSA ASC) “will be consulted concerning any proposed changes to the number, selection criteria, names, and value of GSA Recognition Awards” (Section O: GSA Recognition Awards, GSA Policy: GSA Standing Committees, GSA Awards Selection Committee, Section O.POL.5.1.a). On 28 February 2019, the members of the GSA ASC were consulted on a recommended change to Section O, to introduce language that will help clarify that, for the self-nominated GSA Recognition Awards, in order to be eligible, individuals only have to be a GSA member at the time the GSA Recognition Awards nomination period is open. This will help clarify situations where a graduate student may have been enrolled in the fall term but is on a leave from their program as of January, and so would not have a registration document from the current term to include with their nomination package.

GSA ASC members did not have any comments about this change and the GSA Governance Committee subsequently recommended the proposed change to GSA Council. The recommended changes will be brought forward to GSA Council on 15 April 2019.

I’ll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Best,  
Zhihong Pan, Vice-President External and Chair of the GSA ASC