



- **GSO Stipend Advocacy**

Early December 2022, Provost Ritter announced that Syracuse University will increase the minimum stipend for masters and PhD students by approximately 18% and 30% respectively beginning in the 2023-24 academic year, as per the latest [news release](#). In addition, SU committed to guarantee four years of funding for incoming PhD students, as well as double the funding awards and increase summer stipends for graduate students by 11%. The provost affirmed GSO's advocacy and stated it was the beginning of changes we will continue to see for graduate students. We also secured a 5% increase to all stipends.

- **GSO Benefits Advocacy**

SU has taken steps to accommodate students who are parents by raising financial support per child under the age of 6 for qualifying graduate students from \$500 to \$1,000. Currently, the maximum subsidy per family is \$2,000. Moreover, the initiative to provide an accommodation period of up to 8 weeks for graduate students who become a parent ensures students maintain their academic status and funding during this time. Students raised issues of lactation room availability and daycare support in an open forum last semester, and solutions to these are currently being worked on.

- **GSO GEIC Meeting with Budget Office**

For a copy of the report highlighting takeaways from GSO GEIC's meeting with the budget office, please email gsointernalvp@syr.edu requesting one.

- **Advocacy & Representation**

We filled graduate representative seats in the following area:

- Forever Orange in Action committee