



# **10 REASONS YOU BELONG IN GGS**

## **STUDENTS AND EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS IN THE AGING FIELD**

### **1. SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Robert P. Wray Scholarship of \$2,000 is awarded to one undergraduate student and the Virginia M. Smyth Scholarship of \$3,000 is awarded to one graduate student to promote students' interest in age-related issues and to promote professional development in gerontology.

### **2. MENTORSHIP**

One of the greatest benefits of joining a professional organization like GGS is the opportunity it likely provides to either be a mentor or find one. GGS Mentorship offers the ability to learn about the field of aging from someone who has been working in it for years. Or you can give back by sharing your expertise with someone new to the field.

### **3. JOB PROSPECTS**

GGS offers information regarding career opportunities as well as useful resources to help you get started on this exciting adventure.

### **4. NETWORKING**

Members have access to the GGS membership database and have ample opportunity to network with others in the field of aging.

### **5. ADVOCACY**

As a GGS member, you will receive updates on the biggest issues facing older adults in Georgia and have opportunities to engage in advocacy in an effort to improve the lives of older Georgians.

[www.georgiagerontologysociety.org](http://www.georgiagerontologysociety.org)

## 6. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GGS members are provided with several opportunities as well as resources for professional development. These come in the form of workshops, webinars, and member-only materials as well as the annual conference. Plus, GGS members receive discounted rates!

## 7. NEW PERSPECTIVES

We are often extremely busy and can get stuck in our own little bubbles. Being around other aging professionals with different viewpoints will expose you to new ideas and outlooks. This can have a very positive effect not only on your personal growth and development but impact overall professional success as well.

## 8. GET YOUR NAME OUT THERE

GGS can be a great way to increase your own visibility. You are encouraged to join committees and develop leadership skills while actively doing the work that aging services professionals so passionately do.

## 9. RECHARGE

Being a member of GGS will allow you to connect with like-minded professionals who likely share at least some of the same interests. Take time to connect with others in the field of aging who have made similar decisions and face similar experiences.

## 10. VALUE

A student membership in GGS is only \$25 a year. The cost is low, but the benefits are high!

**Join GGS today and be a member of the largest state organization of multidisciplinary professionals in the field of aging that educates, serves, and advocates for older adults and their families!**

"Over the last several years, GGS has been incredibly meaningful to me. I have grown as a student and as an aging professional through the many learning opportunities offered by this organization, including the Annual Conference. These opportunities have been important for my research and my career. I appreciate the attention that GGS gives to students and the encouragement that its members offer to those who are new to the field. The relationships and friendships that I have developed through GGS are invaluable and have shaped who I am as a gerontologist."

- Victoria Helmly, PhD Student

