

## **Graduate Student Focused Events:**

### Grad Student Snack Night:

- Hold a welcome back snack night for graduate students in your department. It's a great way for new grad students to make connections with other students and for them to get familiar with your chapter. t

### Research Showcase:

- Have students in your chapter who are doing research give a short 5-10 minute presentation on their work with time for questions. This can be a way for grad students to get practice presenting and it can be a way for students to start collaborations.

### Writing Workshop:

- Provide snacks and a calm space for students to work on whatever writing projects they have going on (e.g., conference papers, journal articles, literature reviews, etc.). This can provide some accountability and gives students the chance to share experiences and help each other out.

### Online Co-Working Session:

- Graduate school can be a very independent self-managed endeavor. Having some co-working sessions can create structure and accountability, while also providing the benefit of community.

### Panel on Post Grad School Careers:

- Navigating the academia vs. industry choice is a big deal for grad students. Create a panel of young professionals who've gone both routes to answer questions and share experiences.

### Grad Student Open Forum:

- If your department doesn't do an open forum for grad students, your chapter could help facilitate one in order to hear and compile grad student concerns. HKN chapters have a voice in their department and can bring the concerns of grad students to people like the department chair.

## **Adding Grad Student Appeal to Other Events:**

### Company Info Sessions:

- Ask the companies who are speaking to your chapter to discuss the opportunities they have for graduate students.

### Socials:

- Social events widely appeal to both undergraduate and graduate students. Additionally, grad school can be isolating for grad students so making sure to include them in your social events can go a long way.

#### Resume Review and Mock Interviews:

- Graduate students also need to make sure their resumes and interview skills are sharp. Having an experienced grad student or someone from your career office come in to help can ensure that grad students get effective advice in these areas since the requirements and expectations can differ somewhat from undergrad.

#### Skill building workshops:

- Grad students often have to learn new skills independently and quickly. Having skill building workshops on topics like python or matlab can help them build up their skillset with less stress. These types of workshops also benefit undergrads.

## **Utilizing Graduate Student Experience in Your Events:**

#### Graduate School Panel:

- Have grad students serve as panelists and answer questions about their experiences in graduate school.

#### Peer to Peer Mentoring

- Graduate students have experienced what it's like to complete an undergraduate degree. They may make for good mentors for less senior students in your chapter and be willing to mentor them as they progress through their degree path.

For more ideas, check out our successful practices database of exemplary events from other HKN chapters. This resource is for any currently reported chapter officers:

<https://hkn.ieee.org/chapter-successful-practices>