



BIOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION  
OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

# Biology Graduate Student Organization

General Assembly Meeting  
Sep 14, 2023





**Check in - Join MG**



# Agenda

- New reqs for graduate PDF forms signatures
- Meet new BGSO Exec Officers
- Fall 2023 BGSO General Assembly Meetings schedule
- BGSO membership
- BGSO events this semester
- Wetland restoration event
- Budget & BGSO Conference Award
- Announcements

# New BGSO Executive Officers (2023-2024)

- President: **Oleksii Dubovyk** (odubo001@odu.edu)
- Vice President: **Zlatka Rebolledo Sanchez** (zrebo001@odu.edu)
- Secretary: **MyKenna Zettle** (mzett001@odu.edu)
- Treasurer: **Chi Wei** (cwei010@odu.edu)
- Wetland Officer: **Katelyn Overstreet** (kover005@odu.edu)



# Fall 2023 Schedule

**Save  
the  
Date**



Meeting	Date & Time	Location
General Assembly Meeting I	Thu, Sep 14, 12:30 – 1:30 pm	MGB 127
General Assembly Meeting II	Thu, Oct 19, 12:30 – 1:30 pm	MGB 127
General Assembly Meeting III	Thu, Nov 9, 12:30 – 1:30 pm	MGB 127

# Refresher: Membership Requirements



Must attend 2 meetings per semester



Must attend 1 event per year



Must pay \$10 yearly dues

# Fall 2023 Events



# Wetland Restoration Event



# Potential Restoration Event – Blackwater Longleaf Pine

Blackwater is the northernmost range limit of longleaf pine

Virginia was filled with these plants hundreds of years ago

In order to restore longleaf pine ecosystems, we need everybody's help – from collection of pinecones to propagation

Let's restore Virginia wetlands together!!!



# Budget & BGSO Conference Award

- Allocated for 2023-2024: \$7,112.55
  - Conference Travel Fund
    - Conference registration: \$1,152.90 (up to **\$200/student**)
    - Transportation: \$1,537.20 (up to **\$350/student**)
    - Lodging: \$1,537.20 (up to **\$300/student**)
  - BGSO-Sponsored Seminars \$1,383.48
  - BGSO Symposium (Spring 2024) \$1,501.77
- Pending: \$962.25

# How to apply for Conference Award [fall 23- spring 24]

- First come first serve, meeting graduate program requirement & previous not-funded student will be prioritized (~**6 students**).
- Application forms - available through ODU campusgroup.
  - 2023-2024 Application form (**will be updated soon!**)
  - Presentation abstract
  - Statement from research advisor
- Email Chi (cwei010@odu.edu)

# How application & payment requests work

Apply	Separated requests	Reimbursements	Chrome River system
<p><b>Reviewed &amp; approved by BGSO officers</b></p> <p>Up to 7 days</p>	<p><b>Allocated funds approved by SET</b></p> <p>Chi will reach out to confirm more details; prepare registration/travel/lodging info (e.g., screenshots &amp; links)</p> <p>1-2 weeks after request submissions.</p>	<p><b>60-day window after travel/conference dates; Approved by SET with more paperwork</b></p> <p>Keep all receipts, boarding passes (digital screenshots or papers)</p> <p>It can only be submitted after conference dates. Approval process can take weeks.</p>	<p><b>Within reimbursement process</b></p> <p>Student workers are considered ODU employees and will need to add Shannon Freeman (SET budget manager) as your delegate.</p> <p>Non-ODU employee: set up Chrome River account first.</p>

Check out **Filing Reimbursement** ODU page for more details:

<https://ww1.odu.edu/content/odu/facultystaff/university-business/travel/filing-reimbursements.html>



Join us at the

## The Paul W. Kirk, Jr. *Wetlands Lecture*

*Hosted by the College of Sciences*

### Ghost Forests as Symbols of Climate Change and Resilience



*Featuring:*

**Marcelo Ardón Sayão, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Forestry and Environmental Resources  
and University Scholar at North Carolina State University

**September 28, 2023**

**Lecture: 7:00 p.m.**

Big Blue Room,  
Chartway Arena

Lecture is free and open to the public. Seating is limited,  
guests are encouraged to RSVP.

Parking available in the Constant Center 43rd Street Garage.

+ grad students luncheon at  
12.00–1:30 pm in Chem 4001 (RSVP)



[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-MMG99VMcZRtc5m\\_ATjcx5yNRQzRztpb3QMkSggok0FFRkA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-MMG99VMcZRtc5m_ATjcx5yNRQzRztpb3QMkSggok0FFRkA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

# Department & Grad Students

- Grad students committee members needed for:
  - operation and awards committee
  - seminar committee

Email Dr. Holly Gaff ([hgaff@odu.edu](mailto:hgaff@odu.edu))

- Department Friday seminars
  - Recommendations for one biomed and one ecology speaker
- Filming grad students in action
  - This Friday available



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