SAGE Working Groups -- Call for Participants

The SAGE Coalition working groups are charged with tracking legislation that affects graduate and professional students and for writing advocacy white papers on major topics within the purview of the working group. Working groups in the past have produced white papers on student debt, campus sexual assault, campus mental health, student immigration reform, and research funding.

Any graduate or professional student currently enrolled at a SAGE member institution may join a SAGE working group - the student does not have to be involved with the institution’s graduate student association. The SAGE Coalition encourages students at all member institutions to join a working group if they are passionate about that issue. Multiple students from a single institution may be part of a working group.

The SAGE Coalition 2017-2018 working groups are:

- **Immigration** - Chair: Alex Vazsonyi, UM (vazsonyi@umich.edu)
  - The Immigration Working Group will focus on issues related to immigration reforms affecting graduate students. These include, but are not limited to, visa caps, optional practical training, and protections for undocumented students.

- **Finance** - Chair: Lucca Henrion, UM (lhenrion@umich.edu)
  - The Finance Working Group will focus on issues affecting affordability of graduate education. These include, but are not limited to, student debt, financial aid, and taxes.

- **Campus Climate** - Chair: Samantha Fuchs, UT (sfuchs@utexas.edu)
  - The Campus Climate Working Group will focus on issues impacting the student experience on campuses. These include, but are not limited to, free speech, campus sexual assault and Title IX, and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion initiatives.

- **Campus Wellness** - Chair: Jon Bender, UT (jonbender@utexas.edu)
  - The Campus Wellness Working Group will focus on issues related to students’ well-being on campuses. These include, but are not limited to, mental health resources.

- **Research Funding** - Chair: Madelyn Percy, UNC (madelynp@live.unc.edu)
  - The Research Funding Working Group will focus on governmental and external funding allocations that support student research, spur innovation, and stimulate economic activity.

Any students interested in joining a working group or with any questions about the working groups should email both the Working Group Chair and the SAGE Political Director Matt Munoz (gpssvpex@uw.edu).