CGSU is a union of graduate students committed to improving working conditions at Cornell University. CGSU is a grassroots organization built on the democratic idea that every graduate student should have a voice in our union. Currently, CGSU membership is open to graduate students in every department on the Ithaca campus including both future and past research and teaching assistants.

We are committed to putting the practice of shared governance and democratic decision-making into action.

We are a union of Cornell graduate students who want our voices heard in our working conditions, through the process of collective bargaining.
Recent studies on graduate unionization (Rogers et al. 2013; Gross 2006; Julius and Gumport 2003) show that there is no evidence to support the argument that collective bargaining agreements undermine graduate student-faculty relationships. Rather, they suggest that mentoring relationships may be enhanced through the clarification of roles and policies.