



Budget Request Form FY2015

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department: *Graduate Student Council*

Program, Service, or Operation Requested

Grad Camp Permanent Funding

SAFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

General Description:

The Graduate Student Council is seeking full funding for the support of Grad Camp. Grad Camp is an event that is becoming more demanding of GSC funding. Its growth is continuing to reallocate

Request Type:

Full

Increase

One-Time

Partial/Matching

General Questions:

How does this increase impact students, and what motivated this request (needs, strategic planning, etc.)?

Grad Camp is an extended two-day orientation program for graduate students. This year it welcomed 72 students to Texas A&M, making it the 5th consecutive year, and largest Grad Camp thus far.

- Grad Camp has a great impact on all participants. All of the counselors and directors are current graduate students. They are responsible for the year long planning and then execution of this annual event. The director and assistant director positions assist in students learning to apply skills and knowledge from their educational backgrounds to program planning, budgeting, training, networking and logistical duties associated with the positions. All of these responsibilities and the overall experience in working with Grad Camp are examples of high impact practices. With an increase in funding, the GSC could recruit more volunteers and campers through increased marketing materials and resources.*
- New graduate student attendees benefit from networking and learning about Texas A&M's traditions and core values. Graduate students have only one option to learn the traditions behind A&M, much like FISH Camp, T-Camp, and SALT Camp. In the same way that these camps are very important to undergraduate students, Grad Camp offers a similar experience to build friendships and foster the traditions within the graduate population.*
- With an increase in funding we could make the signing up more affordable to the general graduate student population.*
- The GSC was motivated in this budget request by the strong positive feedback from attendees. According to the assessments, campers have enjoyed their participation in Grad Camp. To them, this*

