



Budget Summary

To be completed annually by each department.
Please attach Funding Request Forms for each proposed increase.

Department:	Graduate and Professional Student Government	UAF Account #	237118
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Department Budget History:

	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
Total Operating Budget	\$169,721	\$163,065	\$184,680	\$184,680
Total Current UAF Allocation	\$84,588	\$86,413	\$84,367	
UAF Increases Requested	\$8,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	
UAF Increases Funded	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total End-of-Year Reserve Balance Across All Operating Accounts	\$76,652	\$88,000	(Projected)	(Projected)

Please provide a reserve spending plan if ending FY2020 reserves exceed University requirements.

UAF Increase Request History & FY2022 Summary:

Program, Service, or Operation Requested	Amount Requested	SAFAB Recommended? (Y/N)	University/VPASA Funded (Y/N)
FY2020			
Student Research Week Director	\$8,000	Y	N
Travel Awards (<i>board recommended \$5,000 be funded</i>)	\$10,000	Y	N
FY2021			
SRW Director	\$8,000	Y	N
GPSG Travel Awards	\$10,000	Y	N
FY2022 Proposal Summary (Prioritized)			
SRW Director	\$8,000		

Additional Questions: *(to assist the Board when informing the student body about stewardship of the University Advancement Fee)*

If you received additional funding in the last 2 years, please describe or explain the success or shortcomings of those new resources.

Due to budget cuts in preparation for Fiscal Year 2021, the recurring funding for the Student Research Week Director have been rescinded and will not be included in our recurring budget.

What do you see as your department's financial priorities in the next 3 – 5 years (FY2022-FY2026)?

The GPSG's financial priorities center around our guiding pillars of Research, Advocacy and Community. Much of our financial priorities are based on programming and pushing for change in issues graduate students face around these tenets. Much of our work often overlaps multiple or all pillars.

Research

We want to continue providing high quality professional development opportunities for graduate students. Bringing in speakers with specific ties to graduate life and work has shown to be popular amongst our population. We would like to be able to be that continued piece of support for students to attend conferences to present their research. Conference presentations are high-impact experiences for students because it helps them establish themselves as innovators in their respective fields, this year we will still be offering support to help pay virtual conference fees. We also run Student Research Week which exists to showcase the research being done at Texas A&M and to give students an opportunity to experience attending a research conference. Continuing these programs to enhance the research experience will continue to be our top priority.

Advocacy

We want to also advocate for graduate student specific issues and concerns and also advocate for graduate student research funding. The GPSG has been extremely active in ensuring that graduate student specific needs are met. Every year, we send multiple people to Washington D.C to meet with senators and congressman. By establishing these lines of communication with the country's decision and policy makers, we help to make our voices heard. Graduate tax increase, maternity leave, Title IX and Diversity and Inclusion are a few of the issues that we will continue to work on in the near future. Providing funding for graduate student advocates to pursue these advocacy activities will be another of our financial priorities.

Community

We want to help graduate students build a community within Texas A&M and work more closely with the undergraduates. As a part of our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives, our hope is that graduate students feel like that they are welcome here at Texas A&M. We wish to do this by partnering with various undergraduate and graduate organizations for events to ensure that there is involvement from all students. Funding such activities will be a new financial priority for our organization.

	Total Financial Impact:
How many reclassifications did you have approved in FY2020? 0	\$0
How many equity adjustments did you have approved in FY2020? 0	\$0
How many one-time merit increases did you have approved in FY2020? 0	\$0
How many hiring adjustments did you have approved in FY2020? 0	\$0
What positions were approved to eliminate in FY2020? 0	\$0
What new positions did you create in FY2020? 0	\$0

Additional comments, special considerations, etc.

We want to emphasize that we are scraping together pieces from budgets from other places and previous years in order to fully fund the Student Research Week Director position.

SAFAB Comments/Notes: