



Budget Request Form FY2016

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department: Student Counseling Service

Program, Service, or Operation Requested

Psychologist, Level I

SAFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

General Description: *Provide individual, couple, and group counseling, crisis intervention, consultation, outreach, supervision, and other duties as may be assigned.*

Request Type: Full Increase One-Time Partial/Matching

Type of Funds Requested UAF Other

General Questions:

Why is this important to your department? How does this increase impact students, and what motivated this request?

Because of a dramatic increase in the number of students admitted to TAMU as well as the dramatic increase in the number of students who come to the Student Counseling Service requesting services, I am requesting three new service delivery positions. This is one of those positions.

Is it part of your strategic plan? What will be the impact if it is not funded?

Yes, maintaining quality psychological care to our students is part of our strategic plan. If this is not funded, fewer students will be able to see a psychologist because current members of the senior staff will be busy providing direct services to other students. The nationally accepted ratio of staff to students is 1:1500 (IACSINC.ORG); the Student Counseling Service currently has a ratio of 1:2115. Mr. Jerry Brown, Office of General Counsel, has stated that not moving toward meeting this ratio is an unacceptable risk management issue. There are simply not enough psychologists available to provide the services that students want and need.

How do other sources of funding (fundraising, sponsorship, reserves, etc.) been considered? Please explain.
Because this request is for ongoing funding, I have not sought other sources of funding.

What sort of input did you receive (student, faculty, staff, other) to determine this need?

Students are not happy with the inability of the SCS to meet the needs of our students in a timely manner. Although waiting two weeks for an initial appointment does not seem egregious, for someone who is suffering from depression or anxiety, it can feel like a lifetime.

What actions have you implemented internally to address the identified need?

Service providers have already increased their initial screening appointments which also means an increase in direct service hours beyond that recommended by IACS. More will come as the first round of tests is approaching and our traditionally busy months—October and November—have not arrived.

Generally, what assessment tools will you use to evaluate this program/service?

Staff will be assessed annually through the evaluation process as is required by current TAMU policy.

Funding Description:

	Dollar Amount
Total Estimated Cost	
Salary	\$52,000
Benefits	\$18,274
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	
TOTAL UAF INCREASE REQUEST	\$70,274.00

SAFAB Comments/Notes: