



Budget Request Form FY2017

Department should complete one form for each individual request

Department: Graduate and Professional Student Council

Program, Service, or Operation Requested

Graduate and Professional Student Council

SAFAB Use Only	
YES	NO

General Description:

We are requesting additional funding to cover specific high-impact events we host, in order to continue these events and release some of our operating budget to fund new initiatives.

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?

Both of these events relate to engaging graduate and professional students, getting them involved in GPSC, and welcoming them to the Aggie family through affinity with the Texas A&M brand. We have seen numerous times that both Grad Camp and Interdisciplinary Dinners are two of our especially high-impact events, which reach a broad audience and link them to GPSC and Texas A&M as a whole.

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

These programs relate to the strategic plan of the Division of Student Affairs, by helping graduate and professional students join in leadership opportunities with GPSC. Also, both events reach a broad audience of diverse backgrounds, talents and interests, which will help students who participate be better citizens in our global society. If these programs are not funded, it will severely limit the growth we can see for the future, and thus reduce the number of students we reach and influence.

How do other sources of funding (fundraising, sponsorship, reserves, etc.) been considered? Please explain.

We have hosted profit-share events in the past year, and intend to do so again. We are also working on obtaining sponsorships through an endowment for Student Research Week, to release more of our operations budget for other innovative, high-impact programming.

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

We have received feedback from students about the need via the numbers of students interested in attending both of these programs through their registration attempts and emails. Currently, we cannot meet the demand of either Grad Camp or Interdisciplinary Dinners. Through our Executive Committee and advisory staff, we have determined both of these programs to be scalable and high-impact, and have determined this is where we should focus our efforts for funding increases.

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

We have funded Grad Camp for the last seven years and interdisciplinary Dinners for the last 5 years from our operations budget. We feel these are two high-impact programs, which reach a diverse graduate student population. We would like funding from SAFAB so that we can keep putting on these programs, while also growing them in numbers of students we reach. With SAFAB’s extra funding, we can use more of our operations budget to fund other innovating programming, and engage even more graduate and professional students.

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

Quantitatively, we can determine the number of students interested in these programs, and those who attend. Qualitatively, we can determine after attending how students feel about and whether they become part of GPSC, as well as how the programs helped students feel part of the Aggie community. We can also determine the impact our programs have on faculty and staff, and their perception of GPSC and the graduate and professional student body as a whole.

Funding Description:

	Dollar Amount
Total Estimated Cost	
Grad Camp	\$4,000.00
Interdisciplinary Dinners	\$2,000.00
<i>Less Estimated Partial/Matching Funds (if applicable)</i>	
TOTAL UAF INCREASE REQUEST	\$6,000.00

SAFAB Comments/Notes: