



Student Affairs Fee
Advisory Board
DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

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:

	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024
Total Operating Budget	\$184,680	\$167,533	\$207,300	\$191,100
Total Current UAF Allocation	\$84,367	\$85,296	\$86,438	
UAF Increases Requested	\$18,000	\$8,000	\$27,250	\$28,000
UAF Increases Funded	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	
Total End-of-Year Reserve Balance Across All Operating Accounts	\$167,407	\$120,862	\$104,662 (Projected)	\$88,462 (Projected)

Please provide a reserve spending plan if ending FY2022 reserves exceed University requirements.

UAF Increase Request History & FY2024 Summary:

Program, Service, or Operation Requested	Amount Requested	SAFAB Recommended? (Y/N)	University/VPSA Funded (Y/N)
FY2022			
GANT - SRW Director	\$8,000	Y	N
FY2023			
Reclassification - GPSG Advisor	\$15,000	N	
GANT - SRW Director	\$8,750	Y	
Grad Camp	\$3,500	Y	Y (1x)
FY2024 Proposal Summary (Prioritized)			
Reclassification - GPSG Advisor	\$16,200		
GANT - SRW Director	\$8,300		
Grad Camp	\$3,500		

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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.

As for the support of Grad Camp, we were able to reach our benchmark of 500+ registrants for Grad Camp sessions and had around 76-80% attendance rate. The initial funding provided us with the opportunity to meet the rising costs of catering and other financial aspects of this tradition for graduate and professional students.

What do you see as your department's financial priorities in the next 3 – 5 years (FY2024-FY2028)?

The GPSG's financial priorities center around these guiding pillars of Professional Development, Advocacy and Community/Wellness. 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.

Professional Development

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. For efforts in the future, we are developing our approach and collaborating with other campus partners to bring about leadership conferences and expand current professional development programs for our students. 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 are reorganizing our travel awards process and expanding to research grants. 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. We have expanded our own efforts to form a coalition with other SEC universities and their graduate student government organizations. This group aims to discuss graduate and professional student concerns across the nation and organize our efforts through legislation, meetings with administration, and other initiatives. There are several issues such as the expanding need of mental health services that continue to impact graduate and international students 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/Wellness

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. In addition, our goal has been to improve the services and provide more access to resources on campus aimed at ensuring the wellbeing of graduate and professional students. Our current efforts look at creating initiatives and events that are more inclusive to all populations of graduate and professional students such as those students with families. Funding such activities will be a new financial priority for our organization.

	Total Financial Impact:
How many reclassifications did you have approved in FY2022? 0	\$0
How many equity adjustments did you have approved in FY2022? 0	\$0
How many one-time merit increases did you have approved in FY2022? 0	\$0
How many hiring adjustments did you have approved in FY2022? 0	\$0
What positions were approved to eliminate in FY2022? 0	\$0
What new positions did you create in FY2022? 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, GPSG Advisor, and several other efforts that this organization wants to hold in order to improve the quality of services provided to graduate and professional students.

SAFAB Comments/Notes: