



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.*

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

| | FY2022 | FY2023 | FY2024 | FY2025 |
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| Total Operating Budget | \$169,747 | \$173,218 | \$166,045 | \$166,045 |
| Total Current UAF Allocation | \$85,296 | \$89,938 | \$101,187 | |
| UAF Increases Requested | \$8,000 | \$27,250 | \$28,000 | \$0 |
| UAF Increases Funded | \$0 | \$3,500 | \$11,800 | |
| Total End-of-Year Reserve Balance Across All Operating Accounts | \$161,762 | \$144,655 | \$140,000 | \$90,000 (Projected) |

Total Operating budget it made up of 2 months of required reserves (\$27,674). \$40,000.00 is held for Student Research Week Scholarship awards and the Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) Travel Award Program, respectively. GPSG also has 12-15 computers/laptops which are due for replacement in FY25, \$30,000 is ear marked for this expense.

UAF Increase Request History & FY2025 Summary:

| Program, Service, or Operation Requested | Amount Requested | SAFAB Recommended? (Y/N) | University/VP SA Funded (Y/N) |
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| FY2023 | | | |
| GPSG Advisor | \$15000 | N | N |
| SRW Director | \$8750 | N | N |
| Grad Camp | \$3500 | Y | Y (1X) |
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| FY2024 | | | |
| GPSG Advisor | \$16200 | N | N |
| SRW Director | \$8300 | Y | Y |
| Grad Camp | \$3500 | N | Y |
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| FY2025 Proposal Summary (Prioritized) | | | |
| N/A | 0 | | |
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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.

In 2022 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. Based off exit data from that year, Grad Camp saw a Net Promoter Score of 49 of all those who were surveyed. This is considered a good score and has seen significant increases from previous years of the program. As for Grad Camp 2023, while the data has not been finalized, the initial benchmark of 500+ registrants were still met and interest in the program created a significant waitlist for available spots.

The yearly funding provided us with the opportunity to at least 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 (FY2025-FY2029)?

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 is 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 advocate for graduate student research funding. The GPSG has been extremely active in ensuring that graduate student specific needs are met. In previous years, we have sent multiple people to Washington D.C to meet with senators and congressmen. 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 soon. 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 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: |
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| How many reclassifications did you have approved in FY2023? | 0 |
| How many equity adjustments did you have approved in FY2023? | 0 |
| How many one-time merit increases did you have approved in FY2023? | 0 |
| How many hiring adjustments did you have approved in FY2023? | 0 |
| What positions were approved to eliminate in FY2023? | 0 |
| What new positions did you create in FY2023? | 0 |

Additional comments, special considerations, etc.

As a follow up to the previous question, our organization continues to seek support for some of our foundational programs such as Student Research Week and Grad Camp. For Student Research Week, there is a vision to eventually expand upon this amazing opportunity to not only include more A&M students, but also to open its doors to other SEC schools to participate in the years to come. As for Grad Camp, the goal is that with continual and additional funding the scope and size will increase to serve more incoming graduate and professional students both at College Station and potentially at other campuses. While these are future goals, we are still doing what we can as an organization with the budget and funding we have to meet the increasing costs of current initiatives/needs within these programs.

SAFAB Comments/Notes: