



# 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.*

<b>Department:</b>	Graduate and Professional Student Government	UAF Account #	237118
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### Department Budget History:

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Total Operating Budget	\$163,065	\$184,680	\$167,533	\$167,533
Total Current UAF Allocation	\$86,413	\$84,367	\$84,367	
UAF Increases Requested	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$8,000	\$27,250
UAF Increases Funded	\$0	\$0		
Total End-of-Year Reserve Balance Across All Operating Accounts	\$185,585	\$167,407	\$184,714	\$174,552

**Please provide a reserve spending plan if ending FY2021 reserves exceed University requirements.**

### UAF Increase Request History & FY2023 Summary:

Program, Service, or Operation Requested	Amount Requested	SAFAB Recommended? (Y/N)	University/VP SA Funded (Y/N)
FY2021			
SRW Director	\$8,000	Y	N
GPSG Travel Awards	\$10,000	Y	N
FY2022			
SRW Director	\$8,000	Y	
FY2023 Proposal Summary (Prioritized)			
Reclassification – GPSG Advisor	\$15,000		
Graduate Assistant – Student Research Week Director	\$8,750		
Grad Camp	\$3,500		

**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in preparation for fiscal year, the recurring funding for the Student Research Week Director and GPSG Advisor have been rescinded and will not be included in our recurring budget.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 (FY2023-FY2027)?**

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. 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. There are several issues 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. Funding such activities will be a new financial priority for our organization.

	<b>Total Financial Impact:</b>
<b>How many reclassifications did you have approved in FY2021?</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>How many equity adjustments did you have approved in FY2021?</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>How many one-time merit increases did you have approved in FY2021?</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>How many hiring adjustments did you have approved in FY2021?</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>What positions were approved to eliminate in FY2021?</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>What new positions did you create in FY2021?</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**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: