

Council of Graduate Students
Michigan State University

Resolution: 24-FS-05

Title: A Resolution to Update Funding Guidelines for the Graduate Student Organization Support Award

Introduced by: Executive Board

Introduced on: September 18, 2024

**THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
ENACTS:**

WHEREAS, the COGS 2023-2024 Equity and Anti-discrimination report found that “students report that their department is a common source of belonging, but do not report experiencing high belongingness at the department level, and when evaluating components that makeup belonging graduate students highly endorsed university unit’s ability to create an inclusive culture, appreciate graduate students, and foster community”; and,

WHEREAS, COGS hosts a Graduate Student Organization (GSO) event funding award with funding guidelines that require funded events to “involve as many graduate and professional students as possible”; and,

WHEREAS, COGS hosts a GSO support award that has gone unused for the past several years despite promoting the award at orientations and on the COGS website; and,

WHEREAS, COGS is now required to only disperse funds to GSOs that are properly registered with Michigan State University through Involve@State; and,

RECOGNIZING, that the GSO event funding award can also promote graduate student belonging, but has funding guidelines which gear applications toward larger-scale events that span across programs and departments; and,

RECOGNIZING, that supporting smaller-scale events geared toward building fellowship in individual programs, departments, or GSOs is vital to promoting feelings of belonging and wellbeing among graduate and professional students; and,

RECOGNIZING, that supporting GSOs during key transitions in their history will help reduce GSO turn-over and contribute to the long-term stability of GSOs; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, the Full Council approves to update the funding guidelines for the GSO support award according to the document attached to this resolution; and, be it further,

RESOLVED, this resolution will take effect at the end of the Full Council meeting in which it was adopted.

VOTED ON:

VOTE TOTALS:

34 FOR

0 AGAINST

2 ABSTAIN



Recording Secretary



President