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East Lansing, MI 48824

FY 2025-2026 Financials

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
Fiscal Year End Report

The 2025-26 COGS Executive Board:

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Liaison - appointed by The College of Law, Student Bar Association (SBA):
TBD

	Jul '25 - Jun 26	Budget
Income		
4-1999 · Prior Year Reserves	$17,229.02	$25,000.00
4-2000 · Investment Income	$21,352.26	$16,000.00
4-2100 · Student Fees	$243,742.03	$250,000.00
Total Income	**$282,323.31**	**$291,000.00**
Expense		
6-1000 · Meeting Expense		
6-1200 · Full Council Meetings	$5,099.47	$5,100.00
6-1300 · E-Board Meetings	$1,320.31	$1,300.00
6-1400 · Staff Meetings	$239.98	$250.00
6-2000 · Services Expense		
6-2100 · Legal Services	$81,303.20	$73,000.00
6-2200 · Event Funding Request	$21,236.81	$21,000.00
6-2300 · Conference Award Fund	$15,551.00	$24,000.00
6-2305 · Childcare Endowment	$0.00	$2,000.00
6-2680 · GAC	$404.90	$1,000.00
6-2800 · Social Events	$33,731.82	$34,000.00
6-2810 · Collaboration	$6,987.73	$7,000.00
6-2820 · Office Staff Training	$0.00	$50.00
6-2830 · Advertising - Social Events	$142.88	$300.00
6-2440 · COGS Merchandise	$1,587.50	$1,700.00
6-2600 · Special Projects		
6-2610 · Max Monroy-Miller Endowment	$0.00	$0.00
6-2620 · Dreamers Program	$0.00	$600.00
6-2600 · Special Projects - Other	$16,925.55	$17,000.00
6-3000 · Programs		
6-3110 · GSO Support Funding	$0.00	$2,100.00
6-3200 · COGS EBoard Retreat	$1,179.35	$1,000.00
6-3500 · EBoard Parking Reimbursement		
6-3505 · Eboard Parking Passes	$4,196.00	$4,000.00
6-3500 · EBoard Parking Reimbursement - Other	$15.00	$50.00
6-3520 · Committee Service Parking	$9.00	$50.00
6-3700 · MSU Student FoodBank	$8,000.00	$8,000.00
6-3990 · Service Recognition Gifts	$479.58	$500.00
6-4000 · Copy Expense		
6-4300 · Copier Maintenance	$411.00	$450.00
6-4000 · Copy Expense - Other	$0.00	$0.00

6-5000 · Payroll		
6-5100 · COGS Business Manager Salary	$73,199.75	$71,200.00
6-5200 · Student Payroll	$1,414.20	$3,000.00
6-5301 · Executive Board Fellowships	$6,000.00	$6,000.00
6-5000 · Payroll - Other	$0.00	$0.00
6-6000 · Office Expense		
6-6100 · Telephone	$354.64	$450.00
6-6200 · Postage	$54.79	$50.00
6-6300 · Office Supplies	$1,370.19	$1,500.00
6-6800 · Account Fees	$583.35	$750.00
6-6900 · Technology/Maintenance	$495.31	$500.00
6-6700 · Miscellanous Expense	$30.00	$100.00
6-7001 · L-T Investment Contribution	$0.00	$3,000.00
Total Expense	**$282,323.31**	**$291,000.00**
Net Income	$0.00	$0.00

COGS 2025-2026 Advocacy, Award & Event Data

ORIENTATION

COGS Executive Board (Eboard) Members and Representatives spoke and answered questions about COGS in person and virtually at over 20 department orientation events and resource fairs this fall. COGS also participated in the Graduate Resource Fair on August 23, 2025.

REPRESENTATION

During 25-26, 59 graduate student departments, and 2 student organizations appointed representatives on COGS Full Council. These graduate student representatives participated in 8 monthly full council meetings, passed **50** pieces of legislation and served on committees across campus to ensure the graduate student perspective is considered at every level. A list of these University Academic Governance and COGS Committee appointments is attached to this report.

UNIVERSITY CONNECTIONS

COGS leadership has worked to recruit/nominate/place graduate and professional students, across disciplines, on hearing boards, judiciaries, standing and ad-hoc committees across the University. Graduate & Professional students served to represent the graduate-professional student community on Hearing boards, including AUSB, USAB, SFSB and UPGJ and UJG, and provided the graduate/professional student voice on over 25 committees across the University that affect a full range of the student experience, on such issues as research, curriculum, campus issues, safety, student wellness and mental health, insurance, transportation, community relations, university policy, key administration hires, and more. In 2025-2026, COGS facilitated and approved graduate & professional student service to serve on over 90 COGS and University committee positions across campus.

ADVOCACY

In 2025-2026, COGS leadership has made an impact in the lives of graduate and professional students, including:

- Responding to increased need and food insecurity, COGS maintained their annual donation of $8000 to MSU Spartan Shelf to assist operations which serve all MSU students, including Graduate & Professional students. Additionally, they donated a one-time extra donation of $5,000 to help alleviate challenges from pauses in federal benefit programs during the fall of 2025.
- COGS Collaborated with the Graduate School to subsidize registration costs for the annual *Write Winning Grants* workshop for graduate students to attend
- COGS voted to cover the costs for graduate & professional students to attend a tax preparation webinar & workshop series: *How to Complete Your Graduate Student Tax Return and Understand It Too*
- Sponsored grad/professional student attendance at the HEAL Sexual Health Conference.
- Sponsored the 6th Annual Juneteenth Celebration
- Sponsored 2026 Apartments Spring Carnival
- Called for the Establishment of the University Council Task Force on Artificial Intelligence (AI)

CONFERENCE AWARDS

- For 2025-2026, over $17,000 in conference awards were awarded to 64 students who traveled to 46 cities, 21 states and 7 countries to present their research.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS

- Total dollars allocated to help cover these and Graduate Academic Conference awards (By Graduate School) FY25-26: $30,000.00 Thank you Graduate School!!
- Awards of up to $500 each were dispersed to 46 students who attended a variety of workshops and other professional development opportunities (both virtual and in-person)

GSO SINGLE-HOST EVENT FUNDING

- COGS is excited to support diverse and exciting programming provided by Graduate Student Organizations across campus.
- In FY 25-26, over $20,000.00 was allocated to 29 student organizations hosting events for graduate & professional students.
- COGS continued the new COGS Lending Library to offer large yard games and some other equipment for graduate student orgs to borrow for their events.

CHILDCARE ENDOWMENT

- COGS reaffirmed support and collaboration with Office of Financial Aid to offer revenue from this Fund functioning as an Endowment, toward awards to help support Graduate and Professional students that are not able to complete the **MSU Childcare Grant** application. The OFA manages review and dispersal of these funds. Students may opt in to be considered for this award if unable to advance in the grant application due to lack of documentation/ Fafsa, etc.

DISCIPLINARY & DEI LEADERSHIP AWARDS

- 9 students are awarded $1,000.00 (ea.) for this award which is funded by an endowment account funded by COGS and managed by The Graduate School.
- Three COGS representatives (from the Full Council) were chosen to serve on the application review/selection committee for both awards, along with faculty and staff from The Graduate School.
- Disciplinary Leadership: https://grad.msu.edu/funding/funding-list/cogs-leadership
- DEI: https://grad.msu.edu/funding/funding-list/cogs-dei-award

COGS WORKSHOPS

- **Graduate Resource Series:** A virtual workshop series presented by the Graduate Welfare Committee, connects graduate & professional students with vital campus resources through informal, expert discussions, providing insights, Q&A opportunities, and practical guidance for student success and

well-being. Sessions took place on Tuesdays, during February and March. Recordings of the sessions can be viewed **HERE**

- **Virtual WORKSHOP: Quarterly Estimated Tax for Fellowship Recipients:** COGS has partnered with Dr. Emily Roberts and Personal Finance for PhDs to offer this workshop for students on fellowships to learn how to manage quarterly taxes.

- **Complete Your Grad Student Tax Return (and Understand It, Too!):** This workshop breaks down how to calculate your taxable income from your salary, stipend, fellowship, grant, and/or scholarships; minimize your tax liability using education tax benefits; and report your income, qualified education expenses, and estimated tax paid on your tax return. Presented by Dr. Emily Roberts, personal finance educator specializing in early-career PhDs, workshop was appropriate for US citizens, permanent residents, and residents for tax purposes (International students), and comprised pre-recorded videos, worksheets, and live Q&A calls.

2025-2026 COGS SOCIAL EVENTS

COGS social events are often coordinated or proposed by the Director of Event Planning & COGS President. COGS leadership worked hard to incorporate many types of events to engage graduate and professional students and provide meaningful opportunities for connection and fun.

SUMMER EVENTS: 2026

This past summer, COGS teamed up with friends from the Graduate School, including GROW and GREAT to host opportunities for informal gatherings of graduate students who stayed on campus during the quiet summer months. Activities included: Chai & Chat social hours, Picnic Party at the Lewis Arboretum, Meet up at the MSU Summer Circle Theatre.

Fall Welcome Celebration - August 23, 2025

- Over 500 attendees
- DJ & Music from Impact Radio
- A visit from SPARTY. Caricature artist, face painting and delicious food from Morton's Fine Catering
- VIP remarks from the MSU President, Interim President & Provost and Dean of the Graduate School and AVP of Student Life & Engagement
- Over 20 prizes from community businesses were donated and given to attendees.
- Event included, Lawn Games, prizes and giveaways, and activities & resource tabling from: MSU Library-Makerspace & DSL, Broad Art Museum, Student Organic Farms, Women*s Student Services, The Bug House, FRIB, Abrams Planetarium, Student-Parent Resource Center, Rec Sports & Fitness, GROW, The Graduate School, demos by the MSU Swing Dance Society and MSU Roundnet Club.

Coffee & Connection - Fall & Spring Semester

- Held bi-weekly coffee hour events at various locations on and off campus fall, spring and summer 25-26
- Designed to encourage students to explore campus beyond their department buildings and to engage with other students across disciplines
- Provided treats and beverages. Had a consistent and growing cohort of students throughout. Plans to continue this popular program in the next year.
- Locations included MSU Horticulture Gardens, MSU Bug House tour/Nat Sci bldg, Impact Radio (studio tour!), STEM Bldg, MSU Museum, Multicultural Center, Fosters Coffee, Hooked, Strange Matter Coffee, Grand Traverse Pie Co., MSU Union-Strange Matter
- Additional afternoon "coffee hours" were held to reach more students - including Chai & chats and "Boba" Tea Time

COGS Tailgates - Fall 2025

- Students enjoyed music, food, games and camaraderie in front of Chittenden Hall on 9/6 and 10/11/2025

Library Makerspace Events With COGS!

- Through a partnership with Library Makerspace, COGS hosted two craft DIY events, including lasercut keytag/ornaments and a sewing workshop.

COGS Bonfire @ Fenner Nature Center - Fall 2025

- A bonfire, graduate & professional students, marshmallows & COGS!

COGS Gamenights @ Chittenden Hall - Fall & Winter 25-26

- Graduate students gathered for a game night and two euchre tournaments!

COGS Night Under the Stars - Abrams Planetarium - Fall 2025

- A full house of graduate & Professional Students (and their accompanied guests) enjoyed a free show courtesy of COGS at Abrams Planetarium once during fall semester.

Ice Skating at Munn with COGS - Spring 2025

- COGS reserved Munn for 2 hours of skating for graduate & professional students, their friends and families. Costs were covered for skating and equipment. Over 80 students/their guests took advantage of this fun opportunity!

Zap Zone Fun Night for GPSAW - Spring 2026

- COGS reserved event room and activity bands for 2 hours of laser tag, bowling, arcade games and more, for graduate & professional students, their friends and families. Costs were covered for food, activities and any related equipment. (GPSAW)

COGS - Tour of FRIB - Fall 2025

- COGS arranged for a spring tour for graduate & professional students to learn about the newly opened FRIB.

COGS GRADUATE ACADEMIC CONFERENCE (GAC) - February 21, 2026

- COGS held its signature event on Saturday, February 22nd at the MSU Union.
- A record 122 student presenters participated, with 132 presentations. More Info HERE
- COGS is proud of the *GAC Committee*, headed by Anna Lin (LAW), and co-chaired by Monish Moyal (HM), for their creativity, dedication and professionalism, not to mention hundreds of hours of work during the year to make this event a great success.
- COGS awarded $2300 in prize money for winning presenters at this annual conference.
- COGS is proud of Isabel Leadbetter, a Veterinary Medicine Student , who finished FIRST in the virtual 3MT competition, with her presentation: *Efficacy of a low total iodine, high free iodine post-milking teat disinfectant in preventing new intramammary infections* . The Graduate School and COGS sponsored Isabel to compete at the Midwest Assoc of Graduate Schools regional competition in Kansas City, MO, held on March 27, 2026. https://mags-net.org/three-minute-thesis-award/

- Download the 2026 Program Booklet
- Full GAC Information here: Graduate Academic Conference – Council of Graduate Students (msu.edu)

COGS SERVICES:

WHARTON CENTER SHOW TICKETS

- Graduate & Professional students were able to purchase discounted tickets through COGS for the following 25-26 Wharton Center shows: *Beautiful Noise, Avatar, Beauty andthe Beast, The WIZ, Back to the Future, Hadestown, Kimberly Akimbo, Clue, & Juliet*
- Over 180 tickets sold to these performances, giving graduate and professional students an opportunity to experience theater at a reduced cost ($5 off student pricing and no additional fees!)

LEGAL SERVICES FOR GRAD STUDENTS

- COGS continues to fund free legal services through Student Legal Services for Graduate & Professional Students.
- COGS also supports the Student Rights Advocate system, providing funds to pay for a Student Rights Advocate (SRA) to assist Graduate & Professional students engaged in the judicial process for violations of University regulations.

SHORT-TERM LOANS

- COGS funds a $500 (interest free for 60 days) loan program that the Office of Financial Aid administers. Applications for the $500 loan are available in 252 Student Services, and take 2-3 business days to process.
- COGS was also able to access a $300 (interest free for 8 weeks) loan program that the ASMSU Office administers - thank you ASMSU! (Those loans are only available during the first 6 weeks of classes.)





COGS

COUNCIL of GRADUATE STUDENTS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

























Saturday, February 21, 2026
MSU Union

Check in starting at 9AM, 2nd floor ballroom. All day event.



GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

COGS PADDLE EVENT

MSU SAILING CENTER

Lake Lansing at 5918 Shaw Street
Haslett, MI 48840

JUNE 23, 2025 |TWO SESSIONS
SESSION 1: 2-3PM SESSION 2: 3-4PM

COGS is hosting TWO SESSIONS of paddle sports & sailing demos, no experience needed! *No pre-registration, but event is strictly First-Come, First-Served, accommodating up to 30 paddlers at each session.

*Please bring MSU ID, & arrive at least 15

2025 Fall Welcome!

For Graduate & Professional Students

Join COGS for food, fun activities, music, prizes & giveaways, and FRIENDS as we start the new year!

Saturday, Aug. 23rd
Time: Noon - 3PM
Benefactors Plaza

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SCAVENGER HUNT
Participate and you could WIN PRIZES! More @ bit.ly/FWHUNT25

COGS COUNCIL of GRADUATE STUDENTS MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

For Graduate and Professional Students:

TOUR THE FRIB AT MSU!

Come on out and explore with COGS and your grad/professional student peers as we tour MSU's Facility for Rare Isotope Beams together! We hope you'll join us for this fun and informative look at one of MSU's gems on campus. Must register, space is limited. To learn more about the FRIB, visit frib.msu.edu.

REGISTER HERE:
BIT.LY/COGSFRIB

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 @ 2PM

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COGS BONFIRE

FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 17TH
7-10 PM

FENNER NATURE CENTER
GROUP CAMPGROUND
(NORTHEAST CORNER)
PRIVATE PARKING ON SITE

2020 East Mt. Hope Avenue
Lansing, MI 48910
**More Accurately: Google Maps Coordinates: (42.711620, -84.516020)

Come out and enjoy a fall evening and bond with your fellow graduate & professional students as we sit around a fire. Snacks, cider & donuts, games, trail access too! You may bring additional snacks if you like! *Bring your own flashlight if a night hike is your jam!

cogs.msu.edu/upcoming-events/
Email: office@cogs.msu.edu

RADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDE

NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Show: Dark Matter Mystery

the wonders of our very own Abrams Planetarium
showing exclusively for MSU graduate and profess
s & their guests! Show lasts one hour and is for all

Abrams Planetarium

Thursday, November 6th @ 7 PM

GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS

GAME Night

Friday, October 24th
6:30 – 9:30 PM
CHITTENDEN HALL, LOUNGE
Snacks included! Bring games from home to share if you like!

Let's play!

COGS COUNCIL of GRADUATE STUDENTS MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

CRAFT & CONNECTION SEWING WORKSHOP

Wednesday March 18th
Noon - 2pm
MSU Main Library - 2 West
Hollander Makerspace

In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn basic sewing techniques using a sewing machine. We'll be sewing our own totebags! Any level of experience welcome - and no prior experience necessary! All materials & equipment provided. Snack lunch too!
Space is limited -registration required.

RSVP HERE:
bit.ly/SEW-COGS

CRAFT & CONNECTION

FALL 2025 SCHEDULE

*All are from 9AM - 10AM unless otherwise noted.

Free - for MSU Graduate & Professional Students. Come out for some coffee/treats and conversation. See what your peers across disciplines are up to. We hope you'll join us!

- Tues. 9/9: MSU Horticulture Gardens
  - North Gardens-Conservatory
- Wed. 9/24: Foster Coffee Co.
- Wed. 10/8: MSU Multicultural Center 2nd Floor - Community Kitchen
- Thurs. 10/23: Hooked Bookstore
- Tues. 11/4: Holden Hall & Impact 89FM
- Fri. 11/21: MSU Auditorium Bldg, Hollander Lounge
- Tues. 12/2: Strange Matter - Union

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COGS COUNCIL of GRADUATE STUDENTS MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

COGS + GROW + GREAT
PRESENTS

DECOMPRESS december!

TAKE A BREAK, CREATE & CONNECT

DEC | 05 | 1 - 4 PM

CHITTENDEN HALL LOUNGE

DROP IN:
CRAFTING STATIONS,
FOOD,
FRIENDS
AND FUN!
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Graduate & Professional Students:

COGS CHAI & CHAT

Graduate Student Resource Series

Powering Graduate Student Success

A virtual workshop series presented by the Graduate

Graduate & Professional Students:

EUCHRE TOURNEY

FRIDAY
JAN 23

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7:00

COME SNOW TUBING WITH COGS!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE ON THE COGS TIMED-TICKET BLOCK:

COGS has a LIMITED number of timed tickets for a night out on the snow tube hill, on Friday, February 6th. Tickets will go on sale on 1/26/26 an Noon EST. Come join COGS as we hit the hills together!

DATE: Friday, February 6
TIME: 7:45PM to 9:30PM
COST: $12 *Deposit, refundable AFTER checking in at event
PLACE: Hawk Island Park Tubing Hill
1601 E. Cavanaugh Rd Lansing

ZAP ZONE WITH COGS!

Fri

BOBA HOUR

Break Out of Your Bubble and Join us!

Tuesday, April 14th
3pm - 4pm
Chittenden Hall - Lounge

Stop by for a refresh and connect with your fellow graduate & professional

*All are from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM unless otherwise noted.

Free - for MSU Graduate & Professional Students. Come out for some coffee/treats and conversation. See what your peers across disciplines are up to. We hope you'll join us!

- Fri. 1/16: Grand Traverse Pie
- Tues. 1/27: MSU Bug House
- Wed. 2/11: Hooked
- Tues. 2/24: MSU Multicultural Center
- Wed. 3/11 at MSU MUSEUM *SPECIAL TIME: 10-11AM
- Thurs. 3/26: MSU Union Tower Room
- Wed. 4/22: STEM building

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