
PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE



BILL No. SP25-B003

Bill to Amend Policies of the Travel Grant

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WHEREAS, The cost of consumer goods has slowly risen over the last few years¹; and

WHEREAS, The inflation rate has been holding steady at around 3% or higher since September, 2023 and has only been increasing since September, 2024²; and

WHEREAS, 2025's inflation rate is already 1% higher than it was projected to be, as a result of the increased consumer rates, which have increased by 0.5%, the fastest pace that they have risen since August, 2023³; and

WHEREAS, The Purdue Graduate Student Center (PGSC) has a Snack Cupboard which provides two (2) snacks per day to students in need; and

WHEREAS, ACE Food Pantry, while operating in the summer, is only open during limited times and with limited appointments; and

WHEREAS, The PGSC Snack Cupboard is open whenever the center is open, providing more flexibility in meeting graduate student needs; and

WHEREAS, The PGSC budget, named "Grad Center discretionary" on the 2024-25 PGSG budget as voted on by the Purdue Graduate Student Senate (PGSS), cannot accommodate the cost of supplying the Snack Cupboard through the rest of the 2025 Spring semester to the end of the 2025 summer term; and

¹ <https://www.bls.gov/cpi/>

² <https://www.statista.com/statistics/273418/unadjusted-monthly-inflation-rate-in-the-us/>

³ <https://www.statista.com/statistics/244983/projected-inflation-rate-in-the-united-states/> and <https://www.cnn.com/2025/02/12/business/us-cpi-consumer-inflation-january/index.html>

WHEREAS, The PGSG President recently halted executive support for the Snack Cupboard, necessitating Senate support; and

WHEREAS, The PGSC Snack Cupboard is almost out of supply, requiring the PGSC staff to strictly limit the daily stock and creating a need for immediate funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, That the Purdue Graduate Student Government allocates \$1,000 to be used to during the remainder of Spring 2025 and the Summer 2025 terms to stock the PGSC Snack Cupboard.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ENACTED 5th day of *March* 2025.

Signed by:



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Somosmita Mitra
President, PGSG

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Senate Chair, PGSS

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Srishti Dutta Chowdhury
Floor Sponsor, Senator for History

Certification

I, Abigayl Novak, Senate Clerk of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the Purdue Graduate Student Senate of Purdue University, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5th day of *March* 2025 by the following vote:

AYES (30): Aeronautics and Astronautics (AAE) - Arjun Rajashekar Adiga
Agricultural Economics - Emily Forsythe
Anthropology - Taylor Symone Borgelt
Aviation and Transportation Technology (ATT) - Gustavo Sanchez Cortes
Biological Sciences - Ayomide Olohigbe Unuigbokhai
Biomedical Engineering (BME) - Mikayla Roach
Chemical Engineering - Katherine L. Young
Chemistry - Samson Marvellous Oladeji
Civil Engineering - Deepak Benny
Communication - Clara Elisa Hortua Alvarado
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) - Jacob Mishne
Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences (EAPS) - Vincent Sassard
Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) - Nimit Agarwal
Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) - Delaney Frances Jones
History - Srishti Dutta Chowdhury
Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) - Kasey Paige Riha
Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS) - Can Carkoglu
Industrial and Molecular Pharmaceutics (IMPH) - Rachana Sapkota
Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences (IBSC) - Tuba Marjan
Languages and Cultures - Nafiu Olayiwola Oloore
Management (MGMT) - Rajeev Karunanayake
Mathematics - Geoffrey Baring
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Nuclear Engineering (NE) - Stepan Ozerov
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Physics and Astronomy - Allen Roy Murray
Political Science - Sarandan Green
Purdue University Interdisciplinary Life Sciences (PULSe) - Emmanuel Oluwarotimi
Sociology (SOC) - Juwen Wang

Nursing - Christelle Altidor

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (17): Agricultural Sciences Education and Communication (AgSEC) -
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Agronomy - Binod Joshi
Computer Science (CS) - Syed Hasan Amin Mahmood
Ecological Sciences and Engineering (ESE) - Ariana Jolie Lazo
Engineering Education - Anyerson Cuervo
English - Dylan Henderson
Food Science - Daniel Alfonso Fajardo Reyes
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture (HLA) - Khadija Mbacke
Industrial Engineering - Kamelia Sepanloo
Philosophy - James Harry Day
Technology, Leadership, and Innovation (TLI) - Elnara Mammadova
Art & Design - Carolyn Guerin
Computer and Information Technology (CIT) - Khalil El Breidi
Medicinal Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology - Jude Tetteh
Quarshie
Electrical and Computer engineering (ECE) (Indianapolis) - Avijit
Saha
Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC) -
Nguyen Le

ABSTAINED (10): Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE) - Harsh Pathak
Animal Sciences - Iqra Nazir
Biochemistry - Gaoya (Grace) Meng
Botany and Plant Pathology (BPP) - Pascal Okoye
Computer Graphics Technology (CGT) - Anant Upadhyay
Environmental and Ecological Engineering (EEE) - Yiming Liu
Health Sciences - Marwan Alajlouni
Materials Engineering (MSE) - Ankit Kumar
Economics - Navid Safahieh
Mechanical Engineering (ME) (Indianapolis) - Shahrzad Ghadiri
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of April
2025.

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Abigayl Novak
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Senate Clerk, PGSS