

Date of Meeting:	April 12, 2023
Ruling:	[To be completed by Parliamentarian]
President, PGSG:	Alex Seto
Senate Chair, PGSS:	Josiah Davidson

PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE



BILL No. SP23-B013

Funding the Small Research Grant

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- Sponsor(s):** Imon Banerjee, School of Statistics; Meghavin Bhatasana, School of Mechanical Engineering; Ken Yao Ching, Department of Forestry & Natural Resources; Ricky Critchfield, School of Botany and Plant Pathology; Haseeb Daudzai, School of Agricultural Economics; Utkuhan Genc, School of Industrial Engineering; Pragatheiswar Giri, School of Engineering Technology; Shantanu Gupta, School of Aviation and Transportation Technology; Amy Loviska, Department of Human Development and Family Studies; Somosmita Mitra, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering; Secret Permenter, Department of History; Agustin Quinones, School of Civil Engineering; Rohan Saini, School of Global Supply Chain and Management; Daniel Sinclair, School of Materials Engineering; Antonia Susnjar, School of Interdisciplinary Biomedical Sciences; Camila Ulloa, School of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture; Solita Wilson, Department of Chemistry;

WHEREAS, PGSG does not have a grant directly supporting graduate student thesis work related research within departments excluding outside intervention of workshops, career development, and established advisor and departmental resources; and

WHEREAS, Some thesis work is not funded by an advisor, department, or the University, leaving graduate students to bear the financial costs of most, if not all, necessary parts of research, including but not limited to travel expenses, access to sources, tools and materials;

WHEREAS, PGSG Financial Code of Operations¹ limits external spending procedures to grants administered by the Grant Review and Allocation Committee by specifying exact allocations and procedures relevant to disbursement;

WHEREAS, There is a need for graduate students to have a discretionary funding source to support independent thesis work without directly taking the financial burden onto themselves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, That PGSG allocates \$10,000 of its 2023-2024 budget to a newly implemented Small Research Grant along with amendments to the Financial Code of Operations.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That PGSG will allocate the responsibilities of the Small Research grant to an existing GRAC Vice Chair position;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the duties of this GRAC Vice Chair position will include monitoring Small Research Grant application submissions, disseminating anonymized applications to the GRAC team, keeping records of requests and awards;

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Small Research Grant Vice Chair will be a position nominated, elected and compensated alongside the position of the GRAC Professional Development Grant Vice Chair.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, A member elected to the role of GRAC Professional Development Grant Vice Chair will have to fulfill the roles of both GRAC Professional Development Vice Chair and GRAC Small Research Grant Vice Chair.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Small Research Grant Vice Chair and Professional Development Grant Vice Chair be paid a total of \$500 per year, in accordance with existing Life, Community, Diversity and Public Relations Vice Chair payment policies as laid out in the Financial Code of Operations.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That authorization for the disbursement of the Small Research Grant Funds shall be given by the GRAC Chair, following the GRAC Team voting procedures on funding plans presented by the Professional Development and Small Research Grant Vice Chair.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, These amendments to the Financial Code of Operations will be submitted before the PGSG Senate which will codify the management of the Small Research Grant.

¹ [Financial Code of Operations 2021-2022 - Approved](#)

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ENACTED *[INSERT DAY OF PASSAGE]*th day
of *[INSERT MONTH OF PASSAGE]* 2023.

President, PGSG

Senate Chair, PGSS

Certification

I, Mary Brown, 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 *[INSERT DAY OF PASSAGE]*th day of *[INSERT MONTH OF PASSAGE]* 2023 by the following vote:

AYES (0):

NAYS (0):

ABSENT (0):

ABSTAINED (0):

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this *[INSERT DAY OF CERTIFICATION]*th day of *[INSERT MONTH OF CERTIFICATION]* 2023.

Senate Clerk, PGSS