

## University of California Graduate Student Association Graduate Student Event Fund Policy

Approved: DRAFT

**Purpose:** The University of California Graduate Student Association (GSA) recognizes that graduate students may want to organize event that would enhance the lives of graduate students and the campus/community as a whole. The GSA recognizes the importance of such events and will fund events which it deems impactful. The maximum amount spent on events for FY 3017-18 will be \$1000.

**Commented [ND1]:** Should we have 2 calls for proposals?

**Eligibility:** To be eligible, the event must be led (or co-led) by a current UC Merced graduate student. The event may be hosted by a graduate student organization. However, if that organization receives funds during the fiscal year, the organization must demonstrate how this event extends the reach of the organization. All events must be open to the public.

**Selection:** Selection will be based on two (2) criteria: 1) need and 2) contribution to UC Merced and the community of Merced at-large.

**Commented [ND2]:** Do we need weighting associated with the rubric?

Need will be evaluated based how the funds will be spent. Events that plan to leverage multiple funding sources are encouraged to apply and will not be marked against (due to small pool of GSA funds)

Contribution will consider the direct (weighted more heavily) and indirect (weighted less heavily) impact on the number of students, faculty, staff, and community members of the organizations goals, especially as related to the expenditure of funds (see rubric below).

<b>Need</b>	1	2	3	4
Proposed spending of funds		Food/beverage	Renting space for event	Bringing in outside speaker
<b>Contribution</b>				
Average intensity of impact on people	Indirect effects (e.g., better campus climate)			Direct effects (e.g., direct, interpersonal engagement, people at event)
Number of people impacted	>10	10-100	100-1000	>1000

Each member of the delegate assembly will rate each event using the rubric and will give each organization an average score (1-4). The average score among delegates along with the amount asked will be used to determine the level of funding. If members of an organization are on the delegate assembly, they will be asked not to evaluate their organization.

**Use of funds:** Eligible expenses include: food, travel for speaker, venue rental, etc. Funds may not be used to purchase alcohol.