



Thursday, February 22, 2018

7:30 - 9:00 AM Winder Board Room, 300 Park Building
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2:00 - 3:30 PM Winder Board Room, 300 Park Building

Minutes

1. Welcome – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
2. Announcement: CGS/ProQuest Outstanding Dissertation Award – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
 - a. The Graduate School announces its call for submissions for the University of Utah's nominees for the CGS/ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award. From our pool of nominees, one manuscript in each field will be selected to represent the University in the national contest. University of Utah nominee submission packets are due May 25, 2018.
 - b. 2018 Fields of Competition via CGS
 - i. Mathematics, Physical Sciences, & Engineering
 - ii. Social Sciences (not including History)
 - iii. More information can be found at <http://gradschool.utah.edu/current-students/awards>
3. School of Dentistry Services for Graduate School – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
 - a. As of February 1, 2018, University of Utah School of Dentistry faculty and residents are participating providers for EMI Health, which provides dental coverage for University of Utah graduate students, teaching assistants, and research assistants enrolled in the University's student health insurance program. More information can be found at <http://dentistry.utah.edu/patient-care>
4. Reminder: Diversity Fellowships due March 13 – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
 - a. Diversity fellowships are an excellent way to recruit underrepresented students to your programs or encourage the success of current students. There are two diversity fellowships offered by The Graduate School's Diversity Office:
 - i. Emerging Diversity Scholars Fellowship
 1. Currently enrolled students, at least one year into their program
 2. More information: <https://gradschool.utah.edu/diversity/emerging-diversity-scholars-fellowship>
 - ii. Excellence Through Diversity Scholars Fellowship
 1. For incoming underrepresented students
 2. More information: <https://gradschool.utah.edu/diversity/excellence-through-diversity-fellowship>
5. Reminder: April 15 Resolution – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)

- a. DoGS are reminded that the University of Utah is bound by the April 15th Resolution, which requires all money offered to students be available through April 15th, during which time students are free to choose between University acceptances. After April 15th, students wishing to change their University acceptance must get written approval from the accepting school beforehand. If departments hear of other universities not abiding by this resolution with incoming students, they should notify Dean Kieda immediately at dean@gradschool.utah.edu.
6. Reminder: ARUP Funds for years 4, 5, & 6 – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
 - a. ARUP Laboratories has been matching funds for graduate studies at the University for the last three years for those Colleges with donor support. This successful arrangement has raised several hundred thousand dollars for graduate students across campus. ARUP has renewed this arrangement for three more years. College Deans oversee fundraising and dissemination of funds, so DoGS interested in making use of ARUP funds can speak with their College Deans.
7. Report: DoGS Review of Non-Graduated, Post-Defense Students – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
 - a. The Graduate School commends departments for their work on cleaning up University records and helping post-defense, non-graduated students achieve graduation. DoGS are asked to keep their efforts constant in this area. Further developments in automation and online tools to make this important work easier will be explored by The Graduate School.
8. Admissions & Exception Option Policy – Katie Ullman (Graduate School)
 - a. DoGS are reminded that each graduate program has a certain number of graduate admissions exceptions they can use, beyond which they must appeal to the central Admissions Committee, who recommend admission (or admission under a period of probation) or deny admission. Departments are asked not to promise students admission when their admittance is being reviewed by the central Admissions Committee.
 - b. The central Admissions Committee largely reviews exceptions to GPA restrictions. See website for more information: <http://admissions.utah.edu/gart/grad-admissions-committee.php>
9. Reminder: Undergraduate Research Symposium – Katie Ullman (Graduate School)
 - a. Graduate students are asked to volunteer to act as poster judges for the upcoming Undergraduate Research Symposium on April 11, 2018. Students who volunteer will be entered into a raffle to win an Apple Watch or Echo Pro.
 - b. More information at https://ugs.formstack.com/forms/urs_postereval.
10. Report: Graduate Student Travel Assistance Award – Manuel Solis (Graduate School)
 - a. The Graduate School reports that changes to the Graduate Student Travel Assistance Award (GSTAA) have resulted in a measurable increase in the proportion of students given travel assistance. See attachment for more details.
11. Reminder: Committee Needs for Fellowships and Awards – Jolyn Schleiffarth (Graduate School)

- a. The Graduate School is still in need of volunteers to serve on committees for Graduate School fellowships and awards. Please email info@gradschool.utah.edu if you are interested in volunteering.
12. Fulbright Faculty Mentorship & Nomination – Jolyn Schleiffarth (Graduate School)
 - a. The Graduate School asks for faculty and departments to identify promising students for the Fulbright Awards and nominate them for Fulbright mentoring. Faculty and staff can nominate students for Fulbright mentoring here: <https://fulbright.utah.edu>.
 13. Graduate Assembly Petition – Dave Kieda (Graduate School)
 - a. DoGS are asked to make their departments aware of the Graduate Assembly petition currently to be sent to the Academic Senate, and invite endorsement from students, postdocs, faculty, and staff. Petition and endorsement sign-up can be found at <http://gradschool.utah.edu/graduate-assembly>.

Announcements

1. Please update DoGS contact information by emailing any changes to DoGS, department information such as office location & phone number, and graduate contacts to info@gradschool.utah.edu.

Graduate Student Travel Assistance Award

GSTAA- Grad Travel Portal

FY 18 Update

To Date: **2/20/2018**

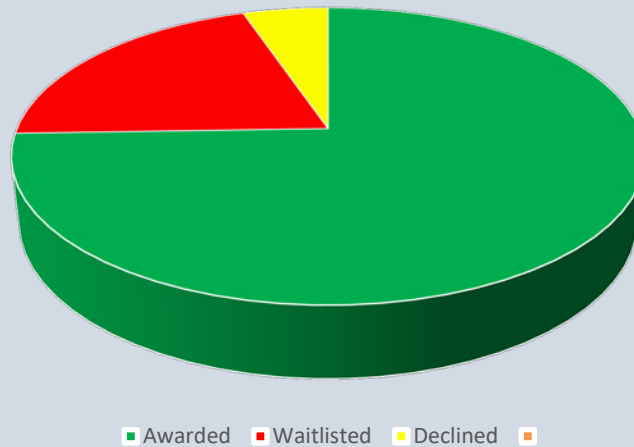
GSTAA Applications received: **224**

- Applications awarded funds: **143**
- Applications waitlisted: **39**

Note: The discrepancy in the total applications received vs. Awarded & Waitlisted is due to canceled, ineligible, and Department declined applications. **267% approved vs. waitlisted ratio**

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Applications



✓ FY 18 Remaining Funds Report:

March- Waitlisted

April- \$1,000

May \$ 1,250

June \$ 4,900

FY 18 committed funds awarded in match support \$64,850 (90% of the budget)

The Graduate School budgeted for 160 awards in FY 18. However, as of July 1, 2017, the size of the award was increased from \$400 to \$500.

Graduate Student Travel Assistance Award

GSTAA- Old Travel Application System

FY 17 Report

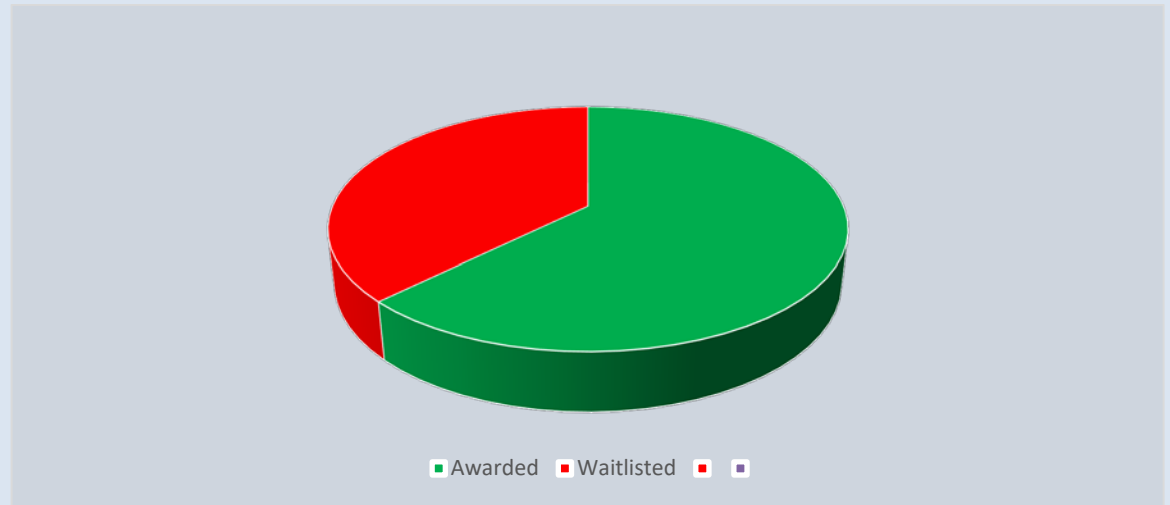
GSTAA Applications received: **436**

- Applications awarded funds: **273**
- Applications waitlisted: **163**

Note: The discrepancy in the total applications received vs. Awarded & Waitlisted is due to canceled, ineligible, and Department declined applications.

67.5% approved vs. waitlisted ratio

✓ Applications received: **436**



✓ Notes:

There are no applications pending or funds outstanding in the old travel system. All applications are now being processed in the new Grad Travel Portal. The old system is now only being utilized to confirm if students have previously received funding.

(The Graduate School succeeded in awarding all of the funds committed for FY 17. The GSTAA grant provided students the opportunity to present research accomplishments to the larger academic community.)

Committed funds paid in FY 17 totaled \$88,742.66 in travel match support