

Welcome to DOGS Summit 2019

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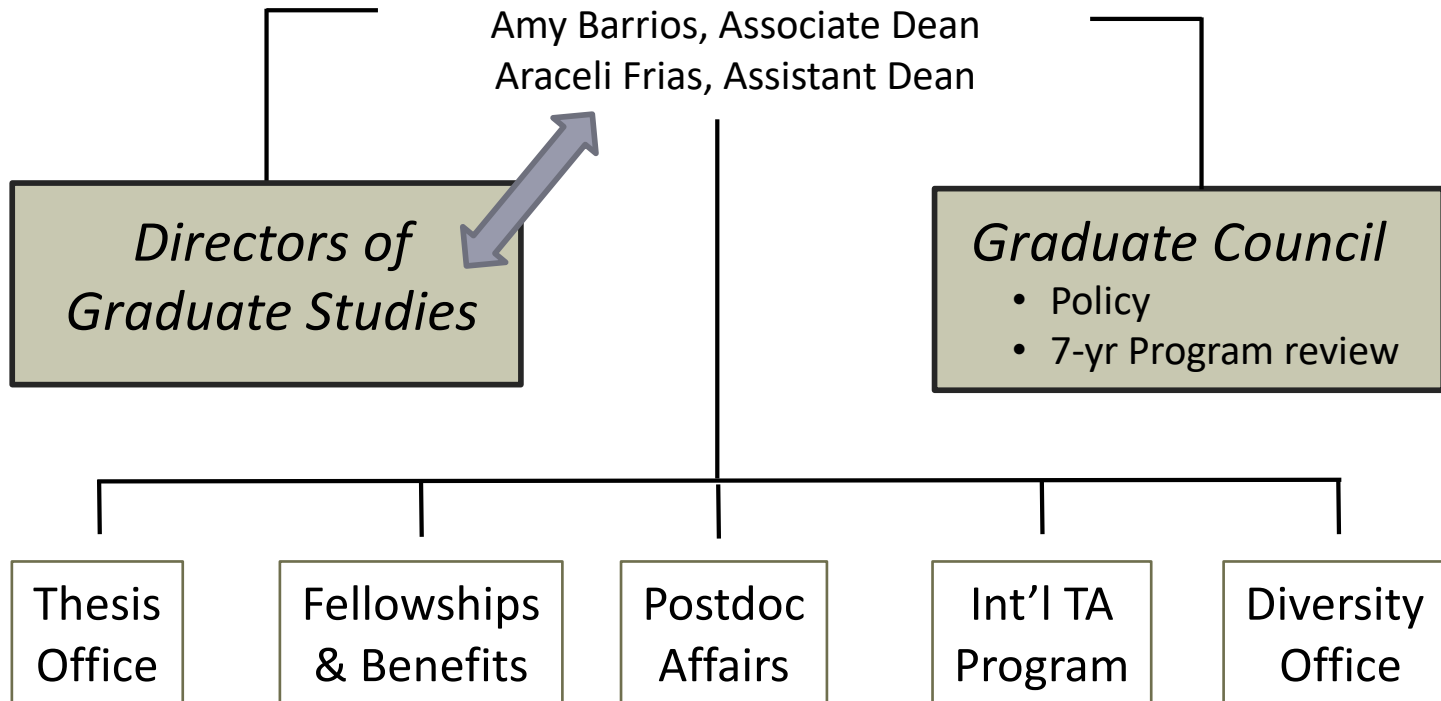
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David Kieda, Dean

Katharine Ullman, Associate Dean

Amy Barrios, Associate Dean

Araceli Frias, Assistant Dean



DOGS responsibilities

Official

- Approval of Program of Study
- Approval of Ph.D. Time Limit Extensions
- Administrative Duties Shared with the Student Supervisory Committee
- Administrative Duties Shared by Department Chair



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DOGS responsibilities

Unofficial

- Maintaining/overseeing the departmental/degree program Graduate Handbook and relevant websites
- Overseeing students pursuing the degree program, meeting informally with students as needed and helping to resolve student issues
- Notifying students and faculty of fellowship, scholarship, and travel support opportunities; updates to University policies regarding to graduate student support; and events and workshops of interest
- Attending DoGS meetings and disseminating information about graduate student support services across campus
- Running an annual graduate student town meeting (at minimum)
- Assisting with new student recruitment efforts, admissions, and orientation
- Attending public thesis defense and proposal meetings and encourage thesis and dissertation success
- Helping spearhead self-assessment for graduate programs during departmental 7-year Graduate Council Review
- Resolving conflicts between students and others

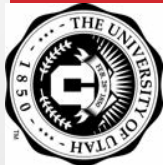


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Top 12 things a DOGS should know

1. Your Program Graduate Handbook/Graduate Catalog
2. Requirements/Limitations on Tuition Benefits Program
3. Financial implications of TBP
 - <3.0 GPA
 - Mid-semester withdrawal
 - Degree Completion early-semester (min stipend requirement)
4. Additional options for graduate student financial support
 - Fellowship Opportunities
 - GS Travel programs
 - XTBP program
5. Departmental & University degree milestones/requirements
6. Thesis Submission/Acceptance Process
 - Grad Students: ask dean for signature? 2-3 month delay
 - Student publication requirement: ProQuest
 - Student thesis tracking software
 - Expedite request policy
7. Family Leave & dismissal policies
8. FERPA/Title IX requirements
9. Approval of Supervisor committees/blanket petitions
10. Dispute resolution: conflicts of interest, rights of due process
11. Recruiting practices, CGS April 15 Resolution, Graduate Admissions/Exceptions
12. Help is available in many places: you are not alone
 - Graduate School website/DOGS resources/Graduate Catalog
 - Graduate Deans's Office, University Ombuds
 - Student distress/student health assistance
 - University Policy issues
 - International Student Visa Issues- ISSS



DOGS Approval: Supervisory Committee Petitions

Campus Information Services > Faculty/Instructor Services > ICON TILE Committee Petition

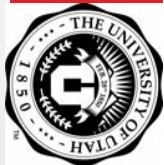
Online Committee Petitions
for Supervisory Committee
(Blanket, Core and Set committees petitions)



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Committee Petition Look Up

- 1) Type in U of U in the Academic Institution field.
 - a) Then click on search button and a box of all the Academic Plans that have been entered will be listed.
- 2) Type in your specific Academic Plan and Search.
- 3) Approve or deny faculty member.
 - a) Click on the **SAVE** button.

Committee Petition

Enter any information you have and click Search. Leave fields blank for a list

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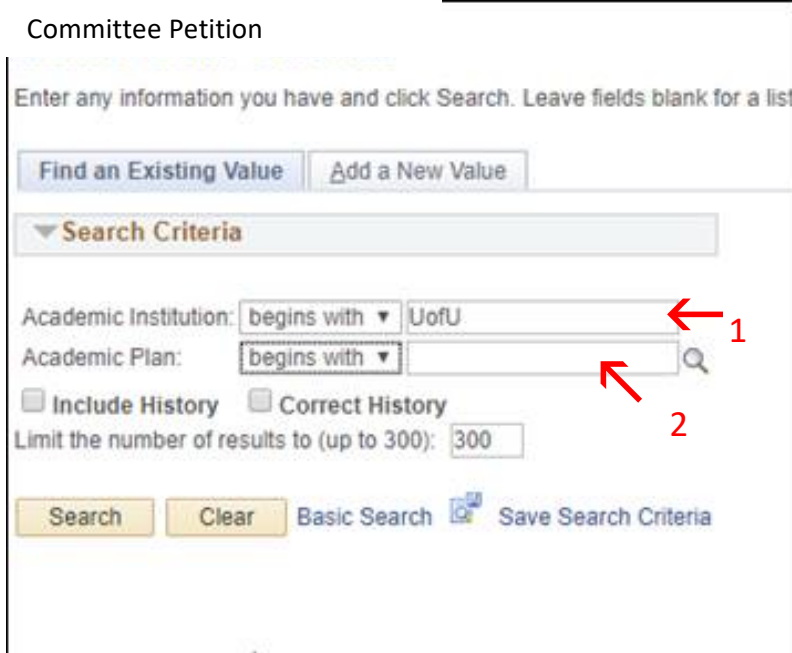
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Academic Plan: begins with ▼

Include History Correct History

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Committee Petition

Economics MA
Degree MA Master of Arts
Acad Prog GSBGR Social & Beh Science (GR)
Academic Organization ECON Economics

Empl ID

Effective Date 06/19/2018 Status Active Entered By

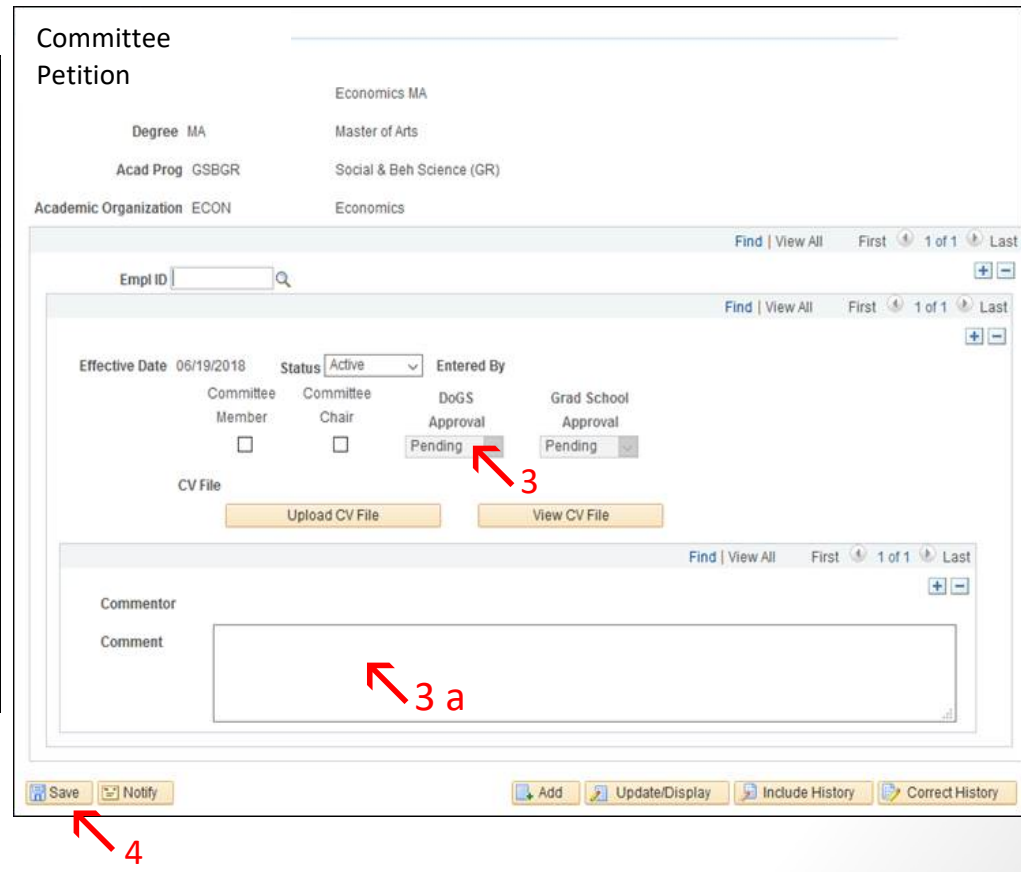
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Tuition Benefits Program

- Provides Graduate Tuition Remission for 2 years (MS/MA) or 5 years (PhD)
- Maintain 3.0+ GPA
- Must be enrolled for 9+ credit hours/semester
n.b. 3 credit hours of dissertation is full-time student (qualifies for student Visa, loan deferment)
- Must be in TBP eligible job code (TA, RA, GA, GF)
- Must pay Graduate School Minimum Stipend



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Tuition Benefits Program

TBP for FY 2019-2020 is unchanged

Potential changes to F&A Model (2020-2021):

- Increase from current 15% F&A returned to College (% TBD)
- Charge back College for RA TBP spent: *cost neutral/positive*

Potential TBP Changes starting 2020:

- Dissertation Fee (equivalent to 3 credit hours) replaces Dissertation tuition
 - Reduction in TBP fund spent by ~30% without changes to student SCH
- Central funding of GA, TA, GF tuition waivers guaranteed at 2018-2019 levels
- Requires formal request to Graduate Dean/SVPHS-SVPAA to increase above current GA/TA/GF levels (linked to departmental strategic plans)



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Extended Tuition Benefits Program

New Extended Tuition Benefits Program (XTBP): Spring 2020

- Allows additional funding option not currently available
 - Coverage for students after expiration of TBP allotment
 - Mixed funding of students in early years: allows full access of TBP allocation over career.
- Tuition & medical/vision/dental insurance paid by dept/college/grant
- Use qualified accounts (returned overhead, dept funds, research, development)
- Identical qualifications criteria to TBP (GPA, job codes) but no term limits
- Colleges can place students on XTBP at any time, without petition to GS Dean



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Graduate School Travel Awards

- GSTAA program to continue at current funding levels
 - Up to \$500 for student to present paper at conference
 - Goal: connections & networking at end of graduate career
 - Must be matched by Dept, College or grant
 - One award per graduate career
- New Travel Program : *Early Career Professional Development*
 - Up to \$500 for student for training/professional development (not a research paper)
 - Goal: Develop skills for degree research/creative projects
 - First 2 years of graduate career
 - Must be matched by Dept, College or grant
 - One award per graduate career
 - ECPD awardees retain future eligibility for GSTAA



Graduate School Administered Fellowships

- GRF, UTA, Steffensen-Cannon, Marriner S. Eccles
- Due January 2020
- Typical support:
 - \$18,250 stipend/year
 - +medical/vision/dental insurance
- 2019:
 - GRF +2
 - MSE +2 , +3 (2020)
- <https://gradschool.utah.edu/tbp/graduate-fellowship-opportunities/>



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Grammarly Update

Potential to expand to larger constituency

History:

- AI –base spellcheck, grammar, style, anti-plagiarism, in-line training
- Grammarly contract 1/1/2019-12/31/2019; \$2/person/year
- Extends to all graduate students, DOGS, Writing Center
- Contains renewal provision to extend another year
- Thesis Manuscripts going through fewer revisions (Spring/Summer 2019)
- Demonstrated Thesis Office workload assistance equivalent to 1.0 FTE

Status:

- Very positive experience with Grammarly across campus
- Many requests for Grammarly access by Post-docs, faculty, staff across campus
- Considering possible expansion of Grammarly contract to all postdocs, faculty, staff.
- Decision goes through new University-wide software process
- Grammarly Contract Issues: ADA compliance, IP indemnification
- Need to start renewal/expansion process now to meeting Dec 31 renewal date.





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CGS April 15 Resolution



April 15 Resolution

Resolution Regarding Graduate Scholars, Fellows, Trainees, and Assistants

Acceptance of an offer of financial support* (such as a graduate scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, or

assistantship) for the next academic year by a prospective or enrolled graduate student completes an agreement that both student and graduate school expect to honor. In that context, the conditions affecting such offers and their acceptance must be defined carefully and understood by all parties.

Students are under no obligation to respond to offers of financial support prior to April 15; earlier deadlines for acceptance of such offers violate the intent of this Resolution. In those instances in which a student accepts an offer before April 15 and subsequently desires to withdraw that acceptance, the student may submit in writing a resignation of the appointment at any time through April 15. However, an acceptance given or left in force after April 15 commits the student not to accept another offer without first obtaining a written release from the institution to which a commitment has been made. Similarly, an offer by an institution after April 15 is conditional on presentation by the student of the written release from any previously accepted offer. It is further agreed by the institutions and organizations subscribing to the above Resolution that a copy of this Resolution or a link to the URL should accompany every scholarship, fellowship, traineeship, and assistantship offer.

- Most Major research Universities are parties to the April 15 agreement
- This also applies to financial incentives for accepting admission before April 15 (signing bonus)
- There are some major universities who have not signed the agreement.
- The full agreement and list of parties to the agreement can be found at <http://cgsnet.org/april-15-resolution>

Graduate Assembly Initiative

- Ad hoc Subcommittee of Academic Senate
 - Recommend format of a Graduate Assembly at U of U
 - Separate/breakout from ASUU (student programming)
 - Graduate Student voice in University Policy decisions
 - Graduate Student advocacy in State, federal policies
 - Complete by May 2020
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- *Need a DOGS representative to serve---Volunteers?*
 - *Need A Graduate Student representative—Nominations?*



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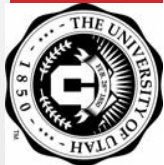


Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

- New Associate Dean of Postdoctoral Affairs
 - Prof. Amy Barrios (Medicinal Chemistry)
- Initiatives
 - “One U” Signature postdoctoral experience
 - Central postdoctoral hiring process
 - University policies for postdoctoral management
 - Postdoctoral diversity support
 - Postdoctoral career services/IDPs



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Postdoctoral Hiring Initiative

A Centralized Postdoctoral Hiring Process

What it does:

- Assures required non-discrimination language is placed in job posting
- Tracks diversity of applicant pools—NIH Training grants, etc.
- Helps University, College understand the diversity pipeline for faculty/staff
- Eliminates financial risks to dept/college using standard hiring package language
 - renewal based up satisfactory performance and availability of funding
 - some individuals are not eligible for retirement benefits, etc.

What it does not do:

- Does require central administration approval to offer/hire
- Implement a lengthy or burdensome process



New Master's of Interdisciplinary Studies

- Respond to need express by several constituencies
 - Students seeking to develop unique interdisciplinary MS/MA curriculum (compare BUS)
 - Sorting hat for Students seeking MS/MA but undecided field.
 - Non-traditional/working students who will take longer to complete
 - Online degree opportunity
- Extension of existing BUS program/administration
- Aligns with BUS potential change of name to BIS
- USHE: SUU only institution in State with MIS
- Target start: Fall 2020



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DOGS Organization issues

Q: How do we develop an effective community of support?

Previous Structure:

- Monthly meetings (Fall/Spring, All DOGS)

Potential new structure:

- 3 meetings/semester (early/mid/end)
- meeting includes requests by DOGS
- DOGS executive/steering committee to assist planning
- respond to DOGS needs more effectively

- Your input is needed: *discussion/feedback?*

