

Graduate Assistantship Budget Allocation Request - DRAFT
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Instructions: Using the attached form, please prepare a brief proposal (4 page limit) with your requested graduate assistantship budget for the two year period including the 2013/2014 academic year and 2014/2015 academic year.

A program's overall priority for graduate assistantship funding in the 2013/2014 academic year and 2014/2015 academic year will be based on the program's priority rank adjusted to account for the program's quality.

Strategic priorities for allocation of graduate assistantship funds:

1. Full-time students in PhD programs (assistantships, in-state tuition remissions and health insurance)
2. New graduate programs – Phased increases according to 5 year plans outlined in original approved proposal, providing program is meeting performance goals outlined in its approved “request for authorization to establish” document.
3. Full-time students in on-campus research-intensive masters and clinical doctoral programs
4. Special projects to stimulate innovative graduate research
5. Enrollment enhancement
6. Ensure programs have a minimum level of funding necessary to remain viable (meet UNC-GA productivity levels)

Programs targeted to receive increased funding must be high quality programs as evidenced by:

- A. A high quality applicant pool with a size sufficient to sustain current enrolment or achieve growth objectives
- B. A track record of degree completion rates, retention rates and time-to-degree appropriate for the type of degree and discipline.
- C. Student satisfaction with advising, mentoring, instruction, and research experiences
- D. Market demand for graduates
- E. A track record of external assistantship expenditures appropriate for the discipline

The Graduate School will provide basic data in the above categories as a starting point. Programs are encouraged to scrutinize the data for errors when it is provided and send requests for corrections to the Graduate School. A program's quality score will be developed by the dean of the Graduate School after review of appropriate data and review of narratives provided by each program in their responses to request for proposals. Of the six data categories above (A to E) greater importance will be assigned to A and B.

Date: _____

Program Name: _____

Department: _____

Contact person: _____

Number of currently supported students			Notes
with Graduate School funds	1:	_____	
with other state funds (college or dept)	2:	_____	
with non-state funds (grants, etc)	3:	_____	
Average amount of support for 12 months per student			
with Graduate School funds	4:	\$ _____	
with other state funds (college or dept)	5:	\$ _____	
with non-state funds (grants, etc)	6:	\$ _____	
Current graduate school budget	7:	\$ _____	

Proposed budget: Number of students to be supported			Notes
with Graduate School funds	1:	_____	
with other state funds (college or dept)	2:	_____	
with non-state funds (grants, etc)	3:	_____	
Average amount of support for 12 months per student			
with Graduate School funds	4:	\$ _____	
with other state funds (college or dept)	5:	\$ _____	
with non-state funds (grants, etc)	6:	\$ _____	
Proposed graduate school budget	7:	\$ _____	

Instructions

Lines 1 to 3: Please indicate the number of full-time and part-time students receiving assistantship support by source of funds.

Lines 4 to 6: Please indicate the average 12 month assistantship support (9 month plus summer support) per student by source of funds lines 4 to 6.

Line 7: The total in line 7 should be equal to number of students supported with Graduate School funds (line 1) multiplied by the average amount of support per student (line 4).

Justification for increase: Please provide a brief narrative describing how your funding request fits into one or more of the six strategic priorities outlined on page 1. Please limit your narrative to one full page (about 500 to 600 words).

Program data (three year trend data to be provided by the Graduate School):

A. Applicant pool / student demand (three-year application and enrollment trends)

	Complete applications	Admitted	Enrolled	% Admitted by exception
Average GPA				
2009				
2010				
2011				
Avg standardized admission exam scores (percentile)				
2009				
2010				
2011				

B. Degree completion rates, retention rates and time-to-degree

Year enrolled	% Completed	% Enrolled	% Retention
2008			
2009			
2010			

Year completed	Avg time to degree	% Part-time
2009		
2010		
2011		

C. Student satisfaction – Source: Graduate Student First Year Survey, spring 2012

Number students surveyed: _____ Number students responding: _____ Response rate: _____

	1	2	3	4	5	6		
Overall student satisfaction with:	Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Satisfied	Somewhat dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Pgm Avg	College Avg
Advising & mentoring received from the program								
Financial support from the program								
Course instruction in program of study								
Research experiences during first year								

D. Market demand for graduates

Source: [US Bureau of Labor Statistics employment prediction in related fields 2010 to 2020](#)

E. Assistantship expenditures

	Graduate school	Unit state funds	Grant funds	Trust funds	Total
2009					
2010					
2011					

Data narrative: Please provide a brief narrative describing the quality of your program, including a discussion of the above data as well as any additional information that should be considered. Please limit your data narrative to one full page (about 500 to 600 words).