

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
FORTY-NINTH SENATE
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**Bill #4914
Providing Additional Support for the Graduate Student Travel Award**

SPONSORED BY: Amanda Koch, Senator, Graduate Student Council; Jeff Ma, Senator, Graduate Student Council

WRITTEN BY: Matthew Saxton, Director of Graduate Affairs, Co-President of Graduate Student Council

COLLABORATED WITH:

ENDORSED BY: Budgetary Affairs Committee, Dylan Parker, Director of Graduate Affairs, Co-President of Graduate Student Council; Melissa Quesada, Chief of Staff; Alyssa Melvin, Senator, Graduate Student Council; Zaria Vick, Senator, Graduate Student Council; Mary Stromberger, Vice Provost for Graduate Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School;

ABSTRACT: Providing \$15,000 from the Senate Discretionary Fund to support the large number of applications from Graduate Students for travel funding for scientific and professional conferences.

WHEREAS

Graduate and Professional Students represent a large percentage (~20%) of fee-paying students on the CSU Campus; and,

WHEREAS

Undergraduate students benefit from the support, teaching, and mentorship of Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA); and,

WHEREAS

Grants and scientific research awards, work that is supported and performed by Graduate Research Assistants (GRA), contributes ~22% of CSU's overall operating budget; and,

WHEREAS

Graduate Student work supports CSU's existence in a variety of ways, and they therefore deserve support in their professional development; and,

WHEREAS

Attending scientific and professional conferences allows students unique opportunities to present their research and develop professional contacts, which are critical for establishing post-graduate employment; and,

WHEREAS

Graduate Student's Principal Investigator (PI) may not have the funding or desire to send students to conferences, and independent funding allows students the autonomy to choose the opportunities that best align with their career goals; and,

WHEREAS

Graduate Student work supports CSU's existence in a variety of ways, and deserve support in their professional development; and,

WHEREAS

Graduate Student Council has a quarterly Travel Grant process to support Graduate Student travel to scientific and professional conferences; and,

WHEREAS

The GSC Travel Award sees ~120 applications per cycle, and despite the quality and merit of many applications, can only award ten students per quarter \$250; and,

WHEREAS

Additional funding would allow GSC to fund both additional students, as well as offer the unique benefit of higher tiers of funding for international travel; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ENACTED

That \$15,000 be drawn from the ASCSU Senate Discretionary Fund and transferred to the discretionary of Graduate Affairs Account for the use of supporting the GSC Travel Award; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER ENACTED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Benjamin Amundson, ASCSU President; Joyce McConnell, CSU President, Mary Stromberger, Graduate School Dean.

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PRESIDENT Benjamin Amundson

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