The Travel Grants Program is run by the Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC), a representative body for graduate and professional students at the University of Arizona (UA). This Student Services Fee (SSF) funding provides resources for our graduate students to further develop and support our students professionally. By developing and showcasing the work of UA students through events requiring travel, the program has a measurable and positive impact on the development and retention of graduate and professional students as well as the remarkable reputation of the UA as a hub for research and innovation.

As part of GPSC, the Travel Grants Program shares the Office of the Provost’s mission of delivering exemplary programs, services, and resources to UA students. This program supports the Office of the Provost’s core values through ongoing partnerships with the Graduate College, Confluence Center for Creative Inquiry, and College of Engineering. Attending events and conferences directly supports graduate students’ professional development and builds their profiles as knowledgeable researchers and practitioners.

As the flagship program of GPSC, the Travel Grants Program is committed to increasing the scope and reach of the program. The program is committed to funding as many deserving applicants as possible. GPSC continues to hold travel grant informational sessions, host hands-on workshops, distribute flyers, circulate information on the GPSC’s listserv, develop the GPSC’s social media presence, and attend department orientations to inform new students of this funding opportunity.

The program ensures the effective and accountable use of program funds by tracking how funds are spent using detailed budget reporting in coordination with the GPSC President and Treasurer. GPSC seeks to improve assessment and accountability within the Program, and sees reporting as part and parcel of what determines our long term programmatic goals and ultimate success.

This allocation is mandated in the Student Services Fee Governing documents which state that $300,000 of the fee will be retained for GPC Travel Grants.