

**MICHIGAN STATE**  
UNIVERSITY

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Committee on Budget and Finance

**From:** Lisa A. Frace *Lisa A. Frace*  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

**Subject:** Amendment to Fund Functioning as an Endowment  
Council of Graduate Students Fund in Support of Graduate Fellowships

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Trustee Committee on Budget and Finance recommends to the Board of Trustees an amendment to the administration of a fund functioning as an endowment in the Graduate School.

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby amends the administration of the fund functioning as an endowment entitled "Council of Graduate Students Fund in Support of Graduate Fellowships."

**BACKGROUND**

The Council of Graduate Students Fund in Support of Graduate Fellowships (the "Fund") was established in May 2010 and amended in September 2012. Funds used to establish the Fund were derived from student taxes collected by the University for the Council of Graduate Students ("COGS"). The Fund is administered by the Graduate School.

COGS and the Graduate School desire to amend the Fund to add a diversity, equity, and inclusion ("DEI") component. Spending policy distributions will be used by the Graduate School to support fellowships to students enrolled in any graduate program. Consideration will be given to graduate students who have clearly demonstrated leadership in their discipline and/or professional society or embody DEI work through addressing, challenging, or dismantling forms of discrimination, sexism, racism, and prejudice or create a more equitable environment in their program, unit, or department.

Provost Teresa K. Woodruff has approved this recommendation from Thomas D. Jeitschko, Dean of the Graduate School and Associate Provost for Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

cc: Board of Trustees, S. Stanley, T. Woodruff, M. Woo, N. Beauchamp, B. Quinn, M. Zeig, J. Rayis, L. Adams, M. Heil, T. Jeitschko



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