



Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

In support of our continuing effort to retain graduate students, the Graduate School is offering ***Student Success & Well-Being Grants*** during the 2025 – 2026 academic year. The goal of this program is to encourage the development and implementation of innovative and impactful initiatives promoting graduate student success and well-being. These funds can be used to pay for a variety of initiatives, including but not limited to:

- Professional development and networking opportunities for graduate students (e.g., meetings with invited scholars, peer mentoring initiatives)
- Community-building activities to promote graduate student engagement (e.g., book clubs, discussion panels, [well-being](#) workshops, group activities through the Ramsey Center, a dedicated service day of volunteering, etc.)
- Faculty development and trainings

Please also visit [GradUP](#), the Graduate School's newly launched comprehensive web-based resource designed to support the academic, professional, and personal success of our graduate students, for resources and ideas. The GradUP website serves as a one-stop resources hub that aligns with and complements program-level offerings focusing on six key areas (*career navigation; communication; leadership & collaboration; research & scholarship; teaching & mentoring; and well-being*).

FRIENDLY REMINDER: These funds may not be used to purchase food, pay a salary/stipend, nor as a one-time lump sum to students, staff, or faculty. Additionally, funds must be used during the current fiscal year (2025 – 2026). Please be sure to check with your Business Manager that what you are proposing is financially feasible. Lastly, requests must be in whole dollar amounts.

The maximum award allocation that will be provided is \$4,000.

Proposals should be limited to three pages in length that:

- 1) Clearly describes the ***initiative(s)***
- 2) Provide a ***detailed description of estimated costs*** and justification
- 3) Explain how the initiative(s) are expected to build an academic or program culture with an emphasis on the well-being of students, faculty, and staff and/or promote graduate student success
- 4) Identify and explain the ***assessment measures*** that you will employ in fall 2026 to determine the effectiveness of the initiative(s).

Proposals that are innovative and impactful and that include the components listed above as well as at least \$500 in matching funds will be favorably considered. Funding requests for initiatives that have been funded in prior grant cycles will receive lower priority. All submissions must include the following signatures: the Department Head/Director, Director of Graduate Studies, and the Office of the Dean of your school or college either listed directly on the submission or as a separate document. ***Without these signatures, your application will not be considered complete and will not be evaluated.***

Academic units interested in applying for ***Student Success & Well-Being Grants*** should submit a proposal in pdf format by **Friday, October 24, 2025, at 12:00pm**. *Departments with multiple programs and/or degree objectives should submit a single request.* Here is the link to the online application: https://gradapply.uga.edu/portal/prog_coord_portal?tab=tab3

Funding awards will be allocated in November 2025.

Please contact Dr. Lisa Sperling, Director of Student Success & Well-Being, at 706-542-6413 or sperling@uga.edu, with any questions or concerns.