STUDENT SERVICES FEE
Progress Report

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Department Name: Graduate & Professional Student Council
Project Supported by Student Services Fee: Travel Grants
Amount of Award: $85,000 Project Type: Professional Development Funds # Years Funded: 1
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Project Scope: (In 2 sentences, describe the scope of the project being supported by the Student Services Fee including the student priorities that will be met)
This money is used to fund graduate and professional students who are attending and presenting their research at academic and professional conferences, seminar, competitions, etc. The intention is to give students the opportunities to collaborate and develop with a wider community that is necessary to their career and the educational mission of the University of Arizona.

Outcomes: (What were the targeted outcomes and were they met? For example, the project was able to provide 20 additional students a month with counseling; 50 additional grad students were able to attend conferences; Safe Ride expanded its services by 20 hours a week. Please include data (graphs, budgets, numbers.)
The primary goal for the program this year was to fund 75% of the applications. This being our most popular program, there is no shortage of excellent students and applications deserving of funding. So far, 80% of the applications have been funded (a large number of very good applications in October pushed it higher than anticipated). In previous years, typically less than 50% of those who applied were awarded, and the funding from the SSF allows this to be higher. The increase amounts to twice as many students benefitting from the program funds compared to last year at this time. The goal of funding more students was set in part to catch up with the sustained need of the students but also to counteract budget cuts from departments and colleges.

Student Response: (Summarize the impact this project has had on students, including the number of students served and/or the type of service provided)
To date, 109 students (77 from SSF money) have been awarded through this program, with an individual average award value of $440. This involves only the first two funding cycles of the year. The number of applicants and awardees has increased over last year at this time, with about twice as many students receiving grants. $44,780 has been awarded, $35,000 of which has come from the SSF. At this rate, we expect to be able to award another 200 students (110 from SSF money) for the four remaining funding cycles.

Attempts to Obtain Additional Funding: (Please provide attempts that have been made to obtain additional funding for this project outside of Student Services Fees including attempts to collaborate with other departments/units in order to sustain the project)
Partial funding of this project is already provided by the Graduate College, which has certain requirements for how the money is spent. We have had conversations about this to see how more students can be served and will look at the issue again for the next fiscal year. GPSC has recently transferred under the aegis of Student Affairs and have started talking about the feasibility of SA providing monetary as is done for ASUA and as the GC did (and still does).

Other Funding Sources: (Provide a summary of other funding sources secured to maintain this project, if any, beyond the funding by Student Services Fees)
The Graduate College provides $50,000, though the exact amount is flexible based on the year-to-year needs of the GPSC. As a best-case scenario, this can provide for a 45% acceptance rate. If all reasonable applications were funded, this amount would be exhausted within the first two funding cycles (out of six).
Provide: (Not Necessary in June Report) The amount of the award spent to date, the use for the remainder of the year and highlight any projected unused balance.

The income and expenditures of the program for the year-to-date are shown in the table below.

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These include the August and October funding cycles only. The four left (December, February, April, and June) are typically busier than the first two, given the timing of academic events around the country. With the history of these funding cycles and the trends for this year, we are anticipating another 300-400 applications, though that could change drastically given the uncertain financial situation the state, university, and professional organizations. With these projections and the remaining funds and, there is not expected to be a balance remaining in either account at the end of the year, even if only 50% of the applicants are awarded.

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Progress reports are due twice each year: for projects funded FY 08-09, progress report is due by June 15, 2009. For projects funded FY 09-10, reports are due December 30, 2009 and again June 30, 2010.