



# Central Student Government

## Assembly Resolution 13-059

An Act to Appropriate Funds to Rackham Student Government

### Resolution Information

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Long title	An Appropriations Resolution to Appropriate Funds to Rackham Student Government for Graduate Student Appreciation Week and Basic Needs Microgrants
Author Summary	This resolution appropriates \$1,000 from the Legislative Discretionary Fund to Rackham Student Government for the purposes of hosting events for Graduate Student Appreciation Week, as well as \$18,000 for Basic Needs Microgrants that provide free, short-term assistance to graduate students looking to improve their wellness.

### Assembly Information (to be completed by the Speaker)

Requirements	Reading in two separate meetings; simple majority vote; Presidential approval.
Committees	<b>Finance</b>

### Committee Information (to be completed by the respective Committee Chairs)

Committee (if applicable)	Passed For First Reads (Y/N; Initials)	Passed For Second Reads (Y/N; Initials)
Rules		
<b>Finance</b>	Y; MT	N/A
Communications		
Resolutions		

Attest

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Jarek Schmanski, LSA  
Speaker of the Assembly

Unanimous Consent

Date: 12 March 2024

Presidential Approval

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Meera Herle, Ford

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Date

## Section 1.

**The Central Student Government Assembly finds and declares all of the following:**

**WHEREAS,**

Rackham Student Government (RSG) represents the graduate students of the University of Michigan at the unit student government level; AND,

**WHEREAS,**

RSG provides services to graduate students that are utilized at a level that exceed their budget; AND,

**WHEREAS,**

RSG offers basic needs microgrants to graduate students to improve their well-being and offer assistance for essential items, such as technology, healthcare products, fitness equipment, automotive needs, academic needs, and housing needs, among other things; AND,

**WHEREAS,**

RSG generally faces a shortfall between what they can actually fund and their requests for microgrants;AND,

**WHEREAS,**

RSG has had to increase the monetary microgrant amount and consequently reduce the number of microgrants available due to inflation; AND,

**WHEREAS,**

RSG would like to expand the microgrants to include as many students as possible, including graduate and professional students not under the purview of Rackham or RSG, such as law students, social work students, and medical school students; AND,

**WHEREAS,**

RSG received \$12,000 from CSG towards the microgrant program last year; AND,

**WHEREAS,**

Graduate students are the backbone of research and teaching at the University of Michigan; AND,

**WHEREAS,**

Graduate students are represented by both RSG and the Central Student Government; AND,

**WHEREAS,**

Graduate Student Appreciation Week is a time celebrate and support graduate students across the entire University of Michigan campus through events funded by RSG; AND,

**WHEREAS,**

RSG receives funding from Rackham student dues and Rackham, and RSG attempts to serve the entire graduate student population, including professional students; AND,

**AND FINALLY WHEREAS,**

There is a need for increased funding to support Graduate Student Appreciation Week.

## Section 2.

**THEREFORE it is, by the Students of the University of Michigan, through Central Student Government:**

**RESOLVED,**

The Assembly will appropriate one-thousand dollars (\$1,000) from the Legislative Discretionary Fund to make an immediate donation of the same amount to Rackham Student Government, to be spent on Graduate Student Appreciation Week as soon as practicable.

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED,**

The Assembly will appropriate eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) from the Legislative Discretionary Fund to make an immediate donation of the same amount to Rackham Student Government, to be spent on Basic Needs Microgrants as soon as practicable.