



**The Graduate School**

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**Unit requesting:** UAF Graduate School

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**Title:** Graduate Student Success with an Emphasis on Diversity

**Amount requested:** \$100,000

Undergraduate Student Assistant	\$10,000
3 Graduate Student's Stipends (\$15,000 each)	\$45,000
3 Health Insurance Packages (\$1,500 each)	\$4,500
6 (3-credit each) Summer Tuition Awards	\$6,250
1 Part-time Staff Assistant Marketing New Ph.D. & Recruitment Budget	\$28,000
	\$6,250

**Description:** This funding request will provide the infrastructure foundation and academic support for the interdisciplinary Indigenous Studies Ph.D. program and the UArctic associated activity. The Ph.D. program and the UArctic co-lead address UAF 2010 Strategic Plan by lowering administrative barriers to student access to graduate study and providing the quality staff support to students. This will improve the racial, gender and age diversity of graduating graduate students.

**Relationship to State-wide planning areas:** Student Success

**Justification:**

**A. Staff:**

The undergraduate student assistant supports the record keeping and auditing duties of the Graduate School. This position allows the Director to focus more on the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. students. Also, the part-time staff assistant allows the Graduate School to support the Cross-Cultural Studies program that is working on the development of the Indigenous Studies Ph.D. program.

**B. Graduate student stipends:**

Besides supporting graduate students salaries/stipends, these funds allow for matching of foundation proposals with institutional funds. The stipends also allow students to participate in UArctic Programs like North2North, Field Camp, etc. Health insurance is part of the UAF graduate student benefit package.

**C. Summer tuition:**

Some courses are offered in the summer (usually 3 credits). This funding would allow selected graduate students to take needed courses or graduate in the summer, thus increasing the graduation rate.

**D. Marketing:**

In the past, the Graduate School did not have a marketing and recruitment budget. This establishes funds for advertising the Indigenous Studies Ph.D. and the Graduate School.

**E. Each of these funding initiatives are part of the Graduate School Unit Plan for Student Success.**

**Impact on PBB:** Impacts credit hour production, graduate degree production, workforce development, and diversity.