RESOLUTION FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO COMMIT TO FINANCIAL SECURITY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Whereas, departments and programs across the University do not fund all graduate students;

Whereas, departments and programs that do offer funding typically offer only one year of funding in applicants’ admission packages;

Whereas, funding across the University is not generally secure from year to year;

Whereas, funding after the first year is typically not offered or secured until the end of the spring semester;

Whereas, graduate students who are offered funding for their first year could have funding rescinded without sufficient warning during their future years;

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that –

(1) University departments and programs, when providing admission offers, should offer funding packages that funds doctoral students for a minimum of 6 years*;
(2) Any changes to funding need to be in writing, with consultation of the student, and in cases of loss of funding, give the student sufficient time to secure other funding.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on this 4th day of November, 2022.

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GPSG President  Date

*6-year minimum determined using based upon data supplied by the AAU Ph.D. Initiative, which can be found here: https://graduate.indiana.edu/about/demographics/AAU%20Ph.D.%20Initiative1/index.html