



GSA Bill #13

A bill authorizing the increase of GTAP funds for travel based on perceived need of applicants and overall coverage of travel costs

1 **WHEREAS**, the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) Graduate Travel Award Program
2 (GTAP) is designed to provide economic support for UNL Graduate Students to represent UNL at
3 regional, national, and international conferences;

4 **WHEREAS**, prices of travel and attendance to conferences continue to be beyond that
5 which can be completely covered by institutional funds and graduate students represent an
6 economically precarious population that benefit strongly from additional economic support; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, analysis of previous funding indicates the current limits (\$400 for national;
9 \$600 for international) for travel funds does not meet the costs of travel (e.g., plane tickets) and
10 the GTAP is interested in making the burden on graduate students to be as little as possible; and,
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12 **THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, that the GSA GTAP will change the special rules to
13 reflect an increase in the funding for national and international travel by \$200 for each of the
14 current funding categories– to \$600 (National) and \$800 (International) – which will go into
15 effect in the Spring 2020 funding cycle (for Summer 2020 travel).
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17 **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY ENACTED**, the proposed changes that will take
18 effect in the Spring 2020 review cycle will be as such:

19 **Section 4. Awards**

- 20 1. The number of awards will be determined by the GTAP fund budget. The GSA shall
21 allocate any monies received during the current academic year, as well as rollover funds
22 from previous years, to the GTAP fund.
23 2. Awards for domestic travel shall not exceed ~~four hundred dollars (\$400)~~ six hundred
24 dollars (\$600) and awards for international travel shall not exceed ~~six hundred dollars~~
25 ~~(\$600)~~ Eight hundred dollars (\$800). These amounts may only be altered by the GSA at
26 the beginning of each academic year.

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