

**ACT 1516-FA-1**

**An Act Amending the Standing Rules Governing the Edward J Ray Travel Award for Scholarship and Service of**

**The Council of Graduate Students**

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**Section 1.** The purpose of this act shall be to revise the Standing Rules of The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) as it pertains to the Edward J Ray Travel Award for Scholarship and Service (also known as the Professional Development Fund (PDF));

**Section 2.** WHEREAS current Standing Rules lack specific guidance as to the financial value of the award, and whereas the treasurer and committee would like the option of increasing the financial value of the award beyond what is listed in documentation appearing on the CGS website;

**Section 3:** WHEREAS, the CGS Standing Rule pertaining to the award currently reads as follows:

*“The PDF committee has final authority over both the selection of recipients as well as the amount awarded to each recipient. The committee’s decisions cannot be appealed.”*

**Section 4.** THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that, in order to clarify the financial limits of the Ray Travel Award, the Standing rule pertaining to the Edward J Ray Travel Award shall be amended to read as follows:

*“The Ray Travel Award Committee may set the award amount to any amount not to exceed \$1000. When the Committee changes the Award amount, the Treasurer must ensure that promotional materials regarding the Award, including but not limited to, information on the CGS website, is update to reflect the new amount at least four weeks prior to the Application Deadline for the Award period in which the Committee desires the changed amount to take effect.*

*The committee’s decisions regarding Awardees cannot be appealed.”*