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AN ACT AMENDING THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENT'S STANDING RULES REGARDING JUDGING CRITERIA FOR THE RAY TRAVEL AWARD

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Section 1. The Purpose of the Ray Travel Award is to "provide travel grants to qualified graduate students, fostering their professional development by allowing them to present their research at domestic and international conferences."

Section 2. Decreases in federal funding have reduced external opportunities for graduate travel support across the university.

Section 3. The Ray Travel Award regularly funds less than 25% of applications.

Section 4. In the 2018 Fiscal Year 22% (11/49) of Ray Travel Award Recipients have received the Ray Travel Award in previous fiscal years.

Section 5. The Council of Graduate Students amends its Standing Rules as follows:

Judging:
The PDF is a competitive program, and as such, no more than forty percent of the applications received in a given year may be funded. Each funding cycle, applicants shall apply using a form approved by the PDF committee that takes into account at least the following factors:

1. The applicant's ability to convey the importance of the research being presented
2. The relevance of the proposed presentation to the applicant's professional development
3. The applicant's service to their department, the University as a whole, and the wider community
4. Faculty statements of support for the applicant's research.
5. Applicant's previous funding history through the Ray Travel Award.

Remainder of section unchanged.

Eligibility:
Applicants must satisfy at least the following criteria to be awarded funding:

1. They must be graduate students in good standing with the graduate school and their program.
2. The application must be submitted prior to conference attendance.
3. Student is ineligible if student received the Ray Travel Award in the previous fiscal year.

Remainder of Standing Rule unchanged.

Section 6. Applicants who have received the award in a given fiscal year (e.g., Funding Periods 1 - 4 in 2017-2018) will be restricted from applying to the Ray Travel Award for the next fiscal year (e.g., Funding Periods 1 - 4 in 2018-2019).

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