

University of Florida Graduate Student Council Frequently Asked Questions

I have already been accepted to present at a particular conference, but the date for this event occurs after I graduate. Am I still eligible to apply for a travel grant for this post-graduation conference?

Unfortunately, you are NOT eligible for a GSC travel grant. Because of the very high demand for these limited funds, GSC requires that you are enrolled as a fulltime graduate student for the duration of the dates that you are traveling.

The dates that I am traveling fall between two months and I was denied because there are no available grants for the month that I leave. Can I change the dates of my travel so that it falls under the following month?

You may NOT reapply and submit false travel dates. The month that you apply for the travel grant must be the month that you leave for your event/conference. (For example, if you are traveling October 31 through November 4 you must apply for the October grant.) Once you submit your receipts you will not be reimbursed because the dates of the travel grant application and travel expenses do not correspond to your application. Additionally, a penalty will be applied and you will not be eligible to apply for future GSC travel and/or research grants.

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GSC has limited funds that are in high demand by many graduate students who are in need of funding. If you do not claim your reimbursement check by handing in your receipts within 30 days of your purchase/travel, your grant is rescinded and is given to another student.

(b) What can I do if I cannot spend the grant for external reasons?

If you learn you will be unable to spend the grant according to the instructions, please contact the Grants Committee Chair via email immediately. In the email, please provide a summary of the situation and the time that you learned of the complication. The Grants Committee will vote on whether you will be eligible for another grant.

I was awarded a grant in the Fall and then was denied in the Spring because I had already received a grant for the year, when will I be eligible to apply for another travel or research grant?

The SG Finance fiscal year is from July 1 until June 31. After a new fiscal year begins, you are eligible to apply for another travel or research grant. For example, if you received a grant in August 2009, you are not eligible until July 1, 2010.

I was denied a GSC grant because “my department was out of compliance”, what does this mean?

In order for graduate or professional students within a particular department to be eligible to receive GSC travel/research grants, department representatives from their discipline are required to attend and vote in GSC meetings. If a department representative is absent for two GSC meetings, the graduate coordinator for that particular department will be notified. If the department representative is absent for three meetings, graduate students from that particular department are ineligible for GSC travel/research grants for the remainder of the academic year. For additional information, please see GSC Constitution Article XII. Department Representatives.