



## **Exam Fund Resolution**

Resolution: 20-21-15

**Whereas:** the core Jesuit values of USF reinforce the idea that learning is a humanizing and social activity, not a competitive exercise<sup>1</sup>; and

**Whereas:** the University has a student body that pursues a wide range of professions in a wide variety of fields including but not limited to law, medicine, management, pharmacy, and education that require a variety of graduate programs in which entry exams are necessary. These exams are necessary in the process of furthering the students education past undergrad and professional goals; and

**Whereas:** the cost of graduate admission exams necessary to further the education and learning of USF students can be upwards of \$450 on top of study materials needed i.e., LSAT, MCAT, and GRE; and

**Whereas:** the COVID-19 pandemic has heightened the financial burdens and stressors of being a student and continuing an education beyond the undergraduate level; and

**Whereas:** the University currently provides no support for graduate admission exams, yet our sister university, Gonzaga University, offers an Undergraduate Professional Grant which supports undergraduate students who demonstrate need for financial assistance for professional developmental activities, including, but not limited to, paying for professional attire, attending a conference, and paying for graduate school admissions testing<sup>2</sup>.

**Resolved by the Associated Students of the University of San Francisco Senate in its role as the sole representative body of all the undergraduates students of the University of San Francisco, that the following be enacted:**

**Resolved:** that up to \$10,000 from the ASUSF Student Activity Reserves be allocated to an official Exam Fund for the academic year of 2021-2022 to support undergraduate students when

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<sup>1</sup> From: <https://www.usfca.edu/about-usf/who-we-are/vision-mission>

<sup>2</sup> From: <https://www.gonzaga.edu/student-life/student-groups-activities/center-for-student-involvement/gonzaga-student-body-association/funding>



paying for exams necessary to further their education past undergraduate school (see supporting information at the end of the document); furthermore, be it

**Resolved:** that third and fourth year students will be prioritized in the application process; furthermore, be it

**Resolved:** that being a current student and paying the Activity Fee be the only requirements to apply for a one-time grant for a maximum of \$250 from the Exam Fund; furthermore, be it

**Resolved:** that this fund will be managed by the Vice President of Finance in coordination with the Assistant Director of Student Government; furthermore, be it

**Resolved:** that the fund will be evaluated at the end of the spring semester in order to gauge the demand of the fund and evaluate how to proceed with upkeep of the fund for upcoming years

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**Passed the Senate on:**

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**Signed by:**



### **Supporting Information**

The graduate admission exams listed below are a limited number of examples. All graduate admission exams outside of this list can be applied for and reviewed through the application process as either applicable to the fund or not applicable.

#### **Graduate Admission Exams:**

- Law School Admission Test
- Medical College Admission Test
- Graduate Record Examination
- Graduate Record Examination Subject Test
- Graduate Management Admission Test
- Dental Admission Test
- Pharmacy College Admission Test
- Optometry Admission Test