

DGSC Surplus Funds Schedule

As of August 17th 2023, prior to the deposit of any SAFs for AY23-24, the account balance for GRD03 was \$365,447.33.

Proposed Expenditure Schedule

	FY24 / AY 23-4	FY25 / AY 24-25	FY26 / AY 25-26	Total
Mina Rees Library	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$45,000
CUNY Academic Commons	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$36,000
Childhood Development and Learning Center	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
Doctoral Student Research Grant Program	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$30,000
OSA Conference Presentation Support	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$60,000
DGSC Dissertation Year Fellowship	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000
DGSC Zoom Booth Purchases	\$17,370	\$11,580	\$11,580	\$40,530
			Grand Total	\$271,530

Explanations to the Schedule

The total amount scheduled to be spent totals \$271,000, which allows for the existing expenditure planned for FY23's surplus grants initiative. The DGSC's reserve fund is unaffected.

Mina Rees Library:

“The Mina Rees Library at the Graduate Center is delighted to hear that the Doctoral and Graduate Students Council has voted to contribute \$15,000 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to the Library. We will use these funds to supplement the Library's OTPS budget for FY24 to strengthen our physical and digital collections, under the guidance of our Library Collections Committee. We are grateful to the DGSC for this support.”

CUNY Academic Commons

“The DGSC contribution to the CUNY Academic Commons would support a number of services that would benefit Graduate Center students.

Funding from DGSC would support the Commons team as it develops new features for the site, with a focus on features that are of particular interest to the Graduate Center students. Foremost among these features is a new tool for building and displaying public curricula vitae on the Commons. We expect this

tool to be especially useful to graduate students, for whom it is particularly important to have a robust, modern, and beautiful professional web presence that they can update easily. The Commons team will collaborate with DGSC to identify and implement features for the CV tool that cater to the needs of graduate students, such as improved support for digital-native scholarly material, integration with third-party services such as ORCID, and the ability to export CVs in a variety of formats.

Funding would also support planning for the migration of GC student websites from OpenCUNY to the Commons. The migration of OpenCUNY sites is part of a broader effort to make the student digital experience at the GC more cost-effective and streamlined, and to lessen platform fatigue. The Commons team will provide technical and procedural guidance for the migration process. A team of CUNY Academic Commons and DGSC staff, including Ian Williams and Jonathan Hanon, will help make recommendations and consult, and to steer the use of such resources.”

Childhood & Development Center:

“[...] these additional funds will help the center get some much-needed items from our wish list. We are in need of more large hollow blocks for the children in the 3-4’s class to build with in the block room as well as climbing equipment for the 2-3’s class. We also hope to expand our Early Childhood library and get a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction literature for the children to read. Art is an important and integral part of our daily curriculum and with the DGSC contribution we can provide the children with a larger variety of materials to explore different mediums. We also hope to order more open-ended manipulatives and interesting puzzles for each of the classrooms. The funds will also help the center to continue to offer enrichment programs like Yo Re Mi, an amazing yoga program for children.”

Doctoral Student Research Grant Program provides funds for students for research, travel expenses, accommodations, conference fees and a research assistant.

DGSC Dissertation Year Fellowship

Funds will be used to offer three regular dissertation awards without service criteria, one for each cluster (science, social science & humanities)– based on panel review ranked lists.

DGSC Zoom Booth Purchases

Here we propose the purchase of several sound-insulated booths for zoom calls, with 2 placed in the library, one in a DGSC 5th floor room. This was in consultation with Maura Smale and the library’s executive committee.

FY24

3 x individual booths (3 x \$5,290 = \$15,870)

3 x chairs for booths (3 x \$500)

Total: \$17,370

For **fiscal years ‘25 and ‘26**, the same allocation would be made available for two booths plus chairs.