

GSPC Update, 19 April 2024

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PLS/PLP Recruitment Results:

PhD

Ivetka Noon

Joshua Oyekanmi

Alyssa Twitty

MS

Katelyn Hopkins – BRIDGES

Avery Swanton – BRIDGES

ABBS Recruitment Results: Six students listing Plant Science as 1st or 2nd choice program

Griffin Thomas

PLS / PLP 2024 AY

Heng Chen – PLS

Will Lavoy – PLS

Caroline Maro – PLP/PLS

Dakota Salyer – PLP

ABBS Students 2024 AY – Joined SPLS Labs

Matthew Alcaraz – PLS

Erica Cortez – PLP/PLS

John Dorlon – PLP/PLS

Jim Leggins – PLP/PLS

Christina Baughn – BMCB

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Type of Funding	2024-2025 Academic Year Allocation
Teaching assistance support <ul style="list-style-type: none">Amount <i>includes</i> salary, ERE and tuition remission.This amount is based on 4.2 % of CALES teaching SCH	\$52,242
GA Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none">This represents the maximum number of new, 1st year PhD studentsCALES will only fund the actual number of new PhD studentsSubmit the names of the 1st year PhD students to Amanda Stevens and she will directly work with your Unit to cover stipend, ERE, and tuition to cover the student(s)	3
Responsibility Center (RC) Waivers	see section
Graduate College Fellowship	\$11,350

3-year rolling average course enrollment data Fall

Priority ranking	Course number	Modality	Instructor	Proposed number of 0.5FTE TAs	Updated Enrollment F22	Fall 2023 Enrollment	Rolling Avg. Enrollment	Notes
1	MIC205A/L	In person and online	Xiong	3	337	404	370.5	213 person + 191 online; How many TA's does SPLS assign?
2	MCB 181R	In person	Yadegari	2	144	279	211.5	
3	PLS 340	In person (+ online section after April)	Orchard	2	84	88 (+Kazakhstan) = ~150	~150	Instructor needs at least 0.75 FTE TAs (0.5 + 0.25), preferably 2 x 0.5 FTE. With an online and in person section = ~140 UA students, instructor anticipates having ~150 this Fall with the Kazakhstan students.
4	PLS 170C1	Online	McMahon	1	60	133	96.5	
5	PLP 329A	In person and online/distance	Arnold	1	75	117	96	
6	PLP 305	Online	Pryor	0.5	33	52	50 -> 80	Enrollment Cap increased to 80
6	PLP 305	In person	Wickramage	0.5	13	25	40->60	Cap increased to 60; Wants to cap at 40 if no TA or 60 if TA; could combine TA support for PLS 170C3+PLS 305 for Wickramage, or combine TA support for PLP 305 in both modalities and then split the TA time by % enrollment in each section.
8	PLS 170C3	In person and online	Wickramage	0.5	15	12	60	Is now refreshed- big jump in enrollment expected- will likely need at least a 0.25 FTE TA.
9	PLP 427R	In person and online	Orbach	0	41	57	49	
10	PLS 240	In person (+ virtual lab)	Quist	0	35	48	41.5	
11	PLS 359	In person and online	Palanivelu	0	22	28	25	
12	PLS 448A/548A	Online	Schmidt	0	26	Not taught	26	crosslisted: BIOG CHEM ECOL MCB PLS 448A 548A

Estimated GTA Costs for 2024-25 based on 2023-24 GTA Allocations						
					Estimate based on 2024	
Fall 2024	Number	Salary	ERE	Tuition	Insurance	Total
0.5 FTE GTAs	7	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 1,557.60	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 1,043.00	\$ 151,204.20
0.25 FTE GTAs	1	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 778.80	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 1,043.00	\$ 11,321.80
Fall Total						\$ 162,526.00
Spring 2025						
0.5 FTE GTAs	10	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 1,557.60	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 1,043.00	\$ 216,006.00
0.25 FTE GTAs	0	0	0	0	0	\$ -
Spring Total						\$ 216,006.00
Less GTA Funds from Graduate Funding Memo						\$ 52,242.00
Total projected unit GTA funds based on 2023/2024 allocations						\$ 326,290.00

Proposed Graduate Summer Support

Shift from PI funded supplemental compensation to summer stipend: no ERE costs, reserves research funds for redeployment, spends down endowment surplus, students receive stipend in lump sum at the beginning of the summer.

Costs:

11 Graduate Associates X \$8,142.17 = \$89,563.87
14 Graduate Assistants X \$7,609.50 = \$106,533.00
Total \$196,096.87

Graduate Program Endowment Account Balances: 2/15/2024

Account	Name	Balance	FY24 Income YTD	FY23 Income	Est Annual Income
40-12-4302	Boynton Graduate Fellowship Endowment	\$381,748	\$68,634	\$116,446	\$117,658
40-12-4207	John S Niederhauser Grad Student (PO)	\$22,840	\$2,442	\$4,143	\$4,185
40-12-0053	Butler, Karl Plant Pathology	\$36,223	\$4,127	\$7,002	\$7,074
40-12-4311	Pierson Grad Fellowship-Plant Pathology (PO)	\$44,797	\$8,309	\$14,097	\$14,243
40-02-2551	Butler, Karl (PO) [UAF acct for 5686900]	\$0	\$3,545	\$6,515	\$6,000
5686900	General Plant Pathology Unrestricted	-\$4,276	\$3,545	\$6,014	-

If taken from Boynton Endowment: \$381,748 – 196,096.87 = \$185,651.13

E. Change log

1. New text under Completing the PhD; section added to clarify procedure: “Transfer to MS”. 8/2021
2. Text replaced under Completing the MS; text changed to clarify procedure: “Transfer to PhD”. 8/2021
3. Departmental contact information corrected. 8/2021