Graduate Student Activity Fees – Peer Comparison

**Catholic - $40 per semester**

**Notre Dame - $65 per year**
This fee, charged in the fall to all graduate students, covers the cost of all graduate student activities, including, but not limited to lectures/seminars, graduate student officer stipends, and office overhead. The fee also partially reimburses expenses that graduate students incur during travel to conferences and meetings to present work conducted in the students’ major fields of study.

**Boston College - $30-$55 per semester, depending on program**
The Graduate Student Association (GSA), through student fees, funds all graduate and professional student organizations. The GSA focuses primarily on programing. It does not appear they offer conference funding.

**Fordham - $110 per semester**
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences only. This fee goes directly to the GSA to provide a wide range of activities and services. These activities include, but are not limited to, conference travel grants, subsidized tickets to cultural events, and regular socials with free food and drinks.

**Loyola Chicago - $70(PT)/$140(FT) per semester**
This fee funds multiple programs and services for students depending upon the term. Some of the services include: the Wellness Center, Halas membership, shuttle bus and 8-ride programs. A portion of the fee is given back to the student in the form of funding for clubs and organizations. In addition, the fee funds a few special events organized by the students and administrators.

**Saint Louis - $30 per semester**
The student activity fee is a student imposed fee that funds club sports, speakers, conferences, concerts, banquets.

**Maryland - $14.88 per semester**
The student activity fee is a student imposed fee that funds the Graduate Student Government. This organization is primarily geared toward advocacy and disbursing funds to other specialized graduate student associations. It also focuses on social needs rather than academic. An actual office exists for extracurricular academic interests.

**American - $30 per semester**
The AU Graduate Leadership Council consists of the five independent associations of the different schools. Each association has a slightly different mission, but they seem to sponsor mainly social events and provide links to academic and professional resources.

**George Mason - $60 per semester (unconfirmed)**
Only a portion of the fee goes to the Graduate Student Association. They are more of an advocacy group and have been able to persuade the University to create graduate student housing, a subsidized healthcare plan, and a graduate student travel fund.

**Fairfield - $35 per semester**
Unclear how fee is used.

**George Washington - Uncertain**
The Graduate and Undergraduates have a combined Student Association, but it is unclear how much graduate students pay. The organization seems to fund the other associations and not student-direct financial support.

**Duquesne, Villanova, Marquette, Loyola Maryland, Dayton, Providence, Georgetown, and Trinity - $0**
Notre Dame

The Graduate Student Union (GSU) exists to improve the quality of life for all graduate students at the University, both in the classroom, laboratory, and library and in everyday life.

Through the planning and support of the council, the GSU endeavors to enhance the quality of graduate education and your experience at the University by:

- Funding conference travel grants up to five times in a student’s tenure
- Showcasing excellence in graduate student research through the Graduate Research Symposium
- Advocating for graduate student needs and interests to the university administration
- Fostering interdisciplinary connections through social activities
- Providing free and subsidized events both on and off campus
- Promoting cooperation and interaction with the South Bend community

We strive to meet the needs of students in all disciplines through the suggestions and participations of all our members. We welcome your suggestions as to best meet these objectives for you. We hope that the website provides ample information about the GSU and encourages you to become an active member in the Union.

The Notre Dame Graduate Student Union is a proud member of the National Association of Graduate & Professional Students.

http://gsu.nd.edu/about/

Fordham University

GSA Travel Grants are available to encourage and reward students who are presenting original research, interviewing for a job, or attending a conference.

- Each student is allotted no more than $450 per fiscal year.
- If attending a conference without presenting, only the conference registration fee (up to $75) is covered. Conference registration fees can only be requested once per academic year.
- If presenting at a conference or interviewing for a job within the United States, 66% of your total expenses (up to the $400 maximum) is covered.
- If presenting at a conference or interviewing for a job abroad, 66% of your total expenses (up to the $450 maximum) is covered.
- All Fordham graduate students in good financial and academic standing automatically qualify to receive GSA funding as long as the travel grant application is submitted within 30 days from the date of the conference.
- The application must be accompanied by all original receipts.

Students attending more high profile conferences may be eligible for a travel grant from the GSAS, covering up to $1,000. See the Director of Student Development for more information on GSAS awards.

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