

MEMORANDUM

To: GRASP members
From: Christine Peat (Treasurer)
Date: January 31, 2008
Subject: A proposal to initiate 2 annual "GRASP Member Awards"

Purpose/Aim:

The current proposal recommends that GRASP grant 2 annual awards to its eligible members. This initiative is being put forth in an effort to recruit additional members, and to reward the efforts of standing members. The awards could be used toward any academic expense including travel to conferences, textbook/software purchases, and miscellaneous expenses incurred from thesis/dissertation research (copy/printing costs, raffle prizes etc.). Receipts for all purchases will be required for reimbursement. The winner of each scholarship will be selected at random at the end of each spring semester, and the funds would then be used during the next fiscal year. Membership must be established by 12/31 in order to be eligible for the award.

Budget:

Scholarship 1:	\$100
Scholarship 2:	\$100
Total Cost:	\$200

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the current proposal seeks to grant 2 separate \$100 awards to GRASP members each year. This initiative would potentially provide incentive for new members to join, as well as provide a cost-effective way for GRASP to support its members in their endeavors as graduate students.