

Graduate Student Association

Annual Report

16th April 2018



2017-2018 Initiatives

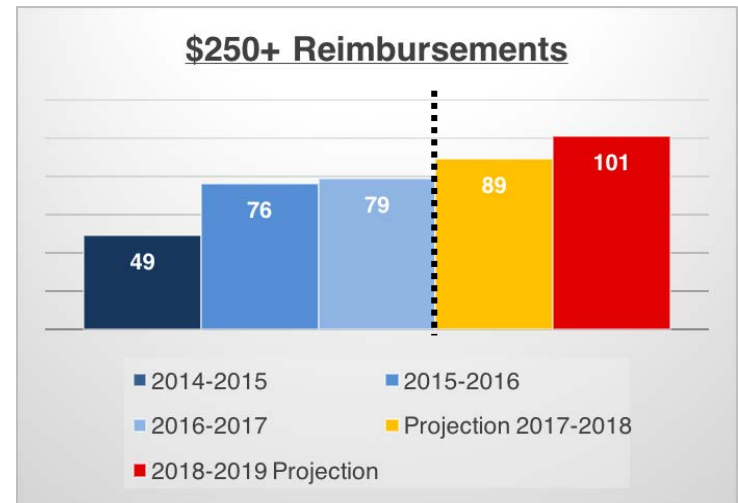
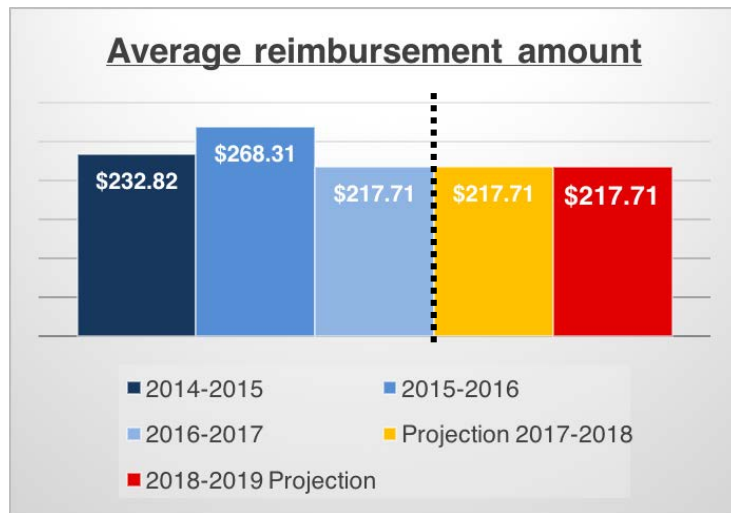
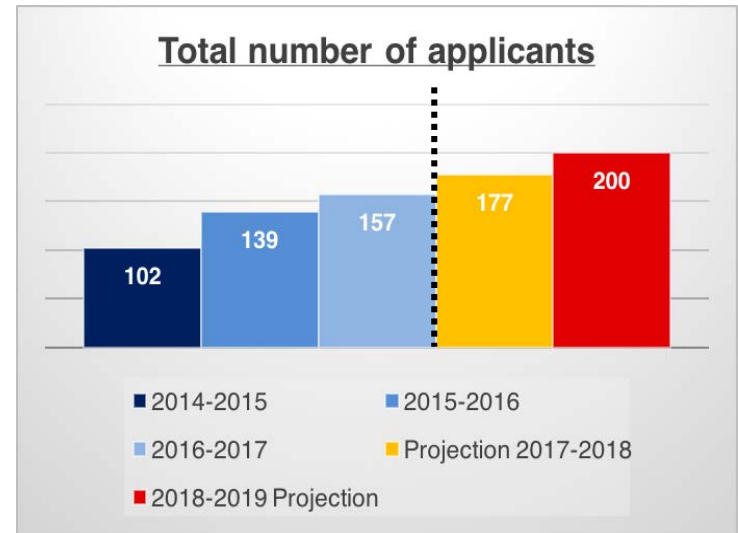
- **Welcome Week & Homecoming Planning**
 - Integration of undergraduate and graduate students
- **Social events**
 - Networking between Health Science Campus, Main Campus, domestic and international students
- **Professional Development**
 - Research PowerPoint Presentation skills and Imposter syndrome
- **Health Insurance**
 - Progress with COGS in understanding graduate student preferences
- **Increased membership (active status)**
 - External event participation, general assembly attendance
 - Support for other colleges organizations and events
- **Board of Trustees**
 - Platform established to provide graduate student feedback in 2018/19

9th Annual Midwest Graduate Research Symposium

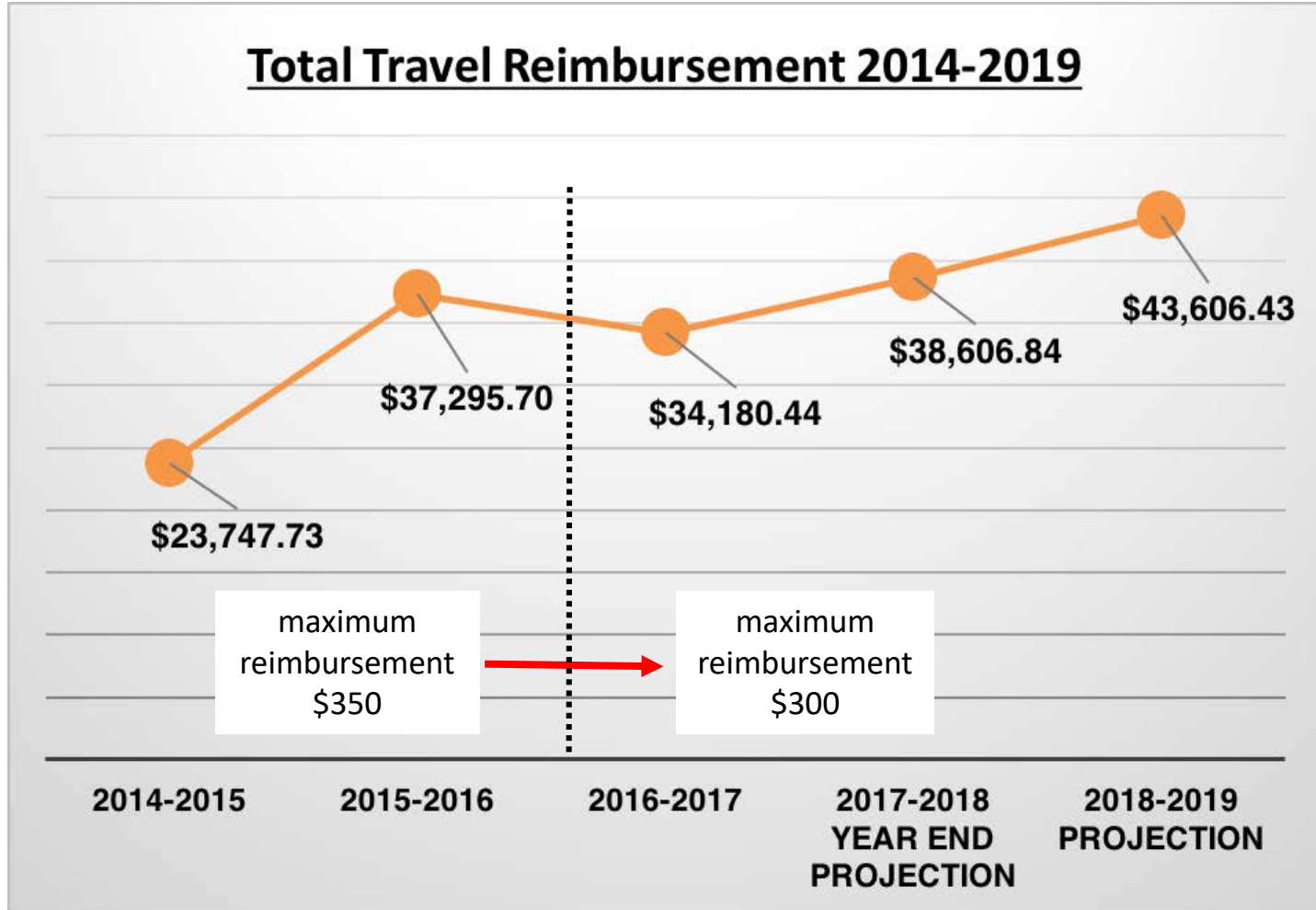
- **300+** individuals in attendance from 20 universities: 112 presenters, 60 judges
 - Large undergraduate presence interested in UT graduate programs
- Positive Feedback
 - Facilities
 - Quality of research by UT students
 - Comparison to similar symposiums at other universities
 - Better quality research, organization, variety, and attendance
- 3 Professional Development Workshops
 - Emotional Intelligence,
 - Graduate Student Resume Writing,
 - 3 minute Thesis
- Keynote Speaker: Dr. Clint Longenecker

Travel Reimbursement

- **13% increase** in total applicants
- 2018-2019 projection is 200 applicants
- 2016 - 2017 average reimbursement was **\$217.71**
- 2017-2018 projected average is **>\$250.00**
- **Increased active membership**



GSA Travel Reimbursements



Officer Tuition and Stipend change

- **Previous years** – variability in tuition & fees allocation depending on the program
- **8% reduction in officer stipend/tuition from 2016/17 -2017/18**
- **Fixed** dollar amounts for the tuition & fees for the 2018/19 E-board members
 - **President:** \$11,500 stipend + \$11,500 tuition + \$500 fees = \$23,500
 - **Vice President:** \$8,000 stipend + \$7,700 tuition = \$15,700
 - **Treasurer:** \$6,500 stipend, \$7,700 tuition = \$14,200
 - **HSC Secretary:** \$1,850 stipend, \$200 tuition (\$100/semester) = \$2,050
 - **MC Secretary:** \$1,850 stipend, \$200 tuition (\$100/semester) = \$2,050
 - **Communication Specialist:** \$1,500 stipend, \$200 tuition (\$100/semester) = \$1,700
- These will be in **effect for next year**