

**SSFAAC Impact Report – FY 2020-21:
 Research, Economic Development, and Graduate Education (R-EDGE)
 \$200,000**

SSF funds provided financial support for highly qualified graduate students that enabled them to achieve success in their educational goals. The program supported graduate students in research, scholarship, and creative work that may be published or presented at a conference, while also supporting undergraduate research programs. During AY2020-2021, funds were used to support 40 continuing and newly-admitted students with one-, two- or three- quarter Graduate Assistant (GA) appointments that provide the much-needed time and financial support to focus on and develop the research, scholarship, and creative activity that is required for their culminating experience, allowing them to gain unparalleled training in their chosen field and course of study. Moreover, the GA appointments support the continued role of graduate students in the implementation of our teacher-scholar culture throughout campus, as well as our ability to recruit, retain, and ensure timely progress to degree for students. Each of the students supported worked on a project unique to their academic and professional goals, tailored to their culminating project or providing them the opportunity to develop specific skills and strengths as part of their program experience. Over the course of the 2020-2021 academic year, SSF fees were allocated according to the chart below.

College	Number of Students	Number of Quarters	Total Amount Allocated
Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences	6	14	\$29,711
Architecture & Environmental Design	2	4	\$8,489
Engineering	18	41	\$87,010
Liberal Arts	3	7	\$14,855
Science & Math	5	14	\$29,711
Orfalea College of Business	2	5	\$10,611
School of Education	5	16	\$27,650
Total	40	79	\$208,037*

*supplemented with monies from Grad Ed, plus small roll-over in SSF from 19-20