

Allocation of Appropriated Funds

Each August after the close of the previous fiscal year, the departments review funding available and make determinations for allocations for the current fiscal year. These procedures are established and maintained within the departments.

Teaching – Department of Agronomy and Horticulture

The department head reviews an updated listing of courses offered in the upcoming academic year. Priority is given to courses with large enrollments, those that have lab sections, or have high costs associated with the course (for example plant material for floral design).

A call for information pertaining to awards of partial GTA's is sent each year. The partial GTA funds are intended to supplement an existing graduate research appointment and provide teaching experience to current graduate assistantship holders. These assignments are based on expected course size and teaching load. A graduate with a partial GTA is paid a stipend based on approximately 6 hours of teaching activity per week during the semester. NOTE: This funding is to be used only to support graduate students and if not utilized fully to pay the graduate student, the funding reverts back to the department.

Research – Agronomy and Horticulture and Plant Pathology

The department head reviews an updated listing of active HATCH projects. Funds are allocated in relationship to the research FTE and scope of the faculty projects.

For Agronomy and Horticulture, Graduate Research Assistantships are allocated using rotations among faculty or within peer groups for. For Plant Pathology, Research assistantships are allocated by the department graduate committee. NOTE: Research assistantship funding is to be used only to support graduate students and if not utilized fully to pay the graduate student, the funding reverts back to the department.

Extension – Agronomy and Horticulture and Plant Pathology

The department head reviews an updated listing of faculty outreach projects. Funds are allocated in relationship to the extension FTE and scope of the faculty projects.