



PROGRAM FEE REQUEST - NEW

University: _____ College/School: _____

Department: _____ Program: _____

Both Graduate Undergraduate

Resident: _____ Proposed Fee _____ Effective Date: _____
(this field you may enter other option just by typing it in box)

Non-Resident: _____ Proposed Fee _____ Effective Date: _____
(this field you may enter other option just by typing it in box)

Other Applicable Fees in School/Program	Resident:	Non-Resident:
Applicable Differential Tuition:	_____	_____
Number of classes within the program with a fee:	_____	_____
Percent of classes within the program with a fee:	_____	_____

Purpose (Please provide a brief statement detailing the purpose of the tuition, including the anticipated expenditures of tuition revenue and benefits the tuition will provide students.)

Justification (Please provide a brief statement on what the proposal is intended to pay for and how much of the costs will be covered by the incremental revenue)

Student Consultation (Please describe the method and outcomes of student consultation)

MARKET PRICING

Institution	Degree	Annual Price		
		Resident	Nonresident	Online

BUDGET

Financial Aid Set Aside (FSA) Amount: _____

Proposed Annual Revenue

Program Fee	\$	
Number of Students	#	
Total Revenue	=	

Proposed Annual Expenditures

Financial Aid Set Aside	\$	
Administrative Service Charge	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
Total Program Costs	=	

Purpose

The MA in PPE is an exciting new program. It is the third of its kind in the US (UC Irvine has an AMP in PPE and UGeorgia just opened an MA in PPE) and our first cohort will arrive in the Fall of 2022. We anticipate anywhere from 2 to 5 students initially and approximately 10-15 students per cohort in the medium-run (~\$10-15k per year in program fees). In general, the program fees will be used to establish and foster a vibrant intellectual community. Specifically, funds will be used to establish some new public events as well as run the newly minted PPE-themed journal, provide instruction by internationally distinguished faculty including those from the Department of Philosophy, and finance MA research projects when appropriate. While some of these initiatives were conceived of after the MA program was approved, these public events (detailed below) will not only enhance the experience for current MA students, but also raise visibility of the program and thus attract prospective students to the University of Arizona. For this reason, we believe a program fee is apt.

Justification

--*Provide instruction by internationally distinguished faculty.* Like the BA program, the MA in PPE will draw on distinguished faculty including those from the Philosophy Department. This will greatly enhance the educational experience for our MA students as it will allow them to interact with eminent members of the profession and benefit from the Philosophy Department's unsurpassed peer ranking in political philosophy (currently ranked #1 in the world).

-- *Establish the 'Author meets critic' book series.* In anticipation of the MA program, we have established an author meets critic series. Each year (starting with the 2021-2022 school year) we will invite a PPE-related author to campus for a roundtable discussion. Select students will write short responses to the author's work and the proceedings will be published in our newly founded online journal Tucson Review of PPE. This event will not only be attractive to current students but will help advertise the MA program to a wider audience. Ideally, the journal will be managed by MA students and provide them with crucial academic and managerial experience

(Anticipated cost: \$2000; covered by both MA and BA program fees as the event will be open to both MA and BA students)

-- *Guest speakers.* Pre-pandemic it was routine practice for instructors to invite internationally renowned academics to guest lecture to their class and provide a talk to the student-run PPE Club. MA program fees will support this practice for MA-level coursework as well.

(Anticipated cost: \$2000; covered by MA program fees and both MA and BA program fees when the class is co-convened)

-- *Economics experiments and student research.* MA students in our program are expected to conduct independent research. Experimental economics is a core methodology of our program. Unfortunately, experiments require money and program fees will help cover the cost of experiments and other research expenses (\$1500; covered exclusively by MA program fees).

Student Consultation

Method

Roundtable discussion involving Director of Graduate Studies (Prof. Bruner), two representatives from student government (Jack Haskins [Senator] and Ally Devreaux [Executive Vice President]), three elected officials of the student-led PPE Club, one student currently enrolled in the Accelerated Master's in PPE and one BA student interested in enrolling in the MA in PPE.

Outcome of consultation

Students were on the whole quite supportive of instituting program fees: by the end of our discussion, six of the seven students consulted thought program fees were a good idea and one student thought we should postpone the decision and implement fees only once the program got up and running. Regarding the size of the fee, students were of two minds. Some thought the fee was too high, while others pointed out that the fee should be at least as high as the program fee for the BA in PPE (\$400/semester). This latter group was worried that the much larger BA program would in some sense be subsidizing the experience of the MA students. Furthermore, because some of the MA program fees will only benefit MA students, many of the students we consulted contended that the MA program fee should be higher than the BA program fee.

Regarding the use of the fee, students were in favor of using the fees to finance experiments/research. They also liked the idea of the fee being used to finance public events (such as the author meets critic series) as well as invite guest speakers to present in MA coursework and to the PPE club.

Takeaways

After our consultation we have lowered the program fee from \$600/semester to \$500/semester. This addresses student concerns that the fee is too high, but also the concern that the fee should be higher than the BA program fee (which is currently set at \$400/semester).