Nature of the Situation:

GPSA provides programming events to enrich graduate and professional student life and promote a sense of community among graduate and professional students at Penn State. Along with the typical stresses that graduate and professional study incurs, necessary social distancing and remote work caused by COVID-19 have increased the need for social interaction and mental health breaks while decreasing the options available for events and spontaneous experiences. 2000 Degrees, a local paint-your-own pottery studio, provides a method for doing this in a fun and socially distanced way through their take-home pottery-painting kits.

We propose a monthly virtual pottery-painting night from September to November in which participants will be able to customize a pottery-painting kit to be picked up curbside at 2000 Degrees’ downtown studio. The Programming Committee will host a virtual painting night each month to allow graduate and professional students to meet and interact with one another while painting their pottery. Graduate and professional students will sign up through a Google form and be sent a promo code to order their own pottery. Sign-ups from first-time participants will be prioritized to maximize community engagement. These events will be advertised via our newswire and GPSA social media accounts.
Recommended Course of Action:
The Graduate and Professional Student Association authorizes the Programming Committee to purchase 90 $25 vouchers for take-home pottery-painting kits. The total amount is chosen to supply 30 kits for graduate and professional students attending each of the three monthly events, for a total of 90 kits.

$2250 = 90 \times $25\; \text{take-home pottery-painting kit vouchers}

Total: $2250

Respectfully submitted,

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