Title: Summer Support for Graduate Students

Initiative Description, including statement of purpose and anticipated outcomes:
Graduate Students currently do not have a means for support or funding during the summer session, yet they may be enrolled or actively engaged in research. Many peer institutions provide summer stipends to Graduate Students in the Summer term as a means of retention, to reduce debt load, and to drive down time to degree. We propose approximately a $4620 stipend per student in order to better support our Graduate students in their academic and scholarly endeavors during the summer break.

What University units (depts., colleges, etc.) will be involved?
Potentially all departments with a Graduate program could be impacted, including Accounting, Anthropology, Biology, Business Administration, Chemistry, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Computer Science, Educational Leadership, Elementary Education, English, Environmental Science, Environmental Studies, Geology, History, Human Services and Rehabilitation, Kinesiology, Mathematics, Music, Psychology, and Secondary Education.

How does the initiative support the University Mission and Strategic Plan?
Apply Western's expertise and collaborative approach to scholarship, creativity, and research in ways that strengthen communities beyond the campus; Serve as a model for institutional effectiveness, innovation, diversity, and sustainability.

Are there potential partnerships with external organizations/institutions?
TBD

Anticipated new positions needed to implement the initiative:
   Faculty: NA
   Staff: NA
   Graduate Students (supported): NA

Space needs (boldface one; attach note from Space Administration):
   - Existing space is sufficient
   - Existing space will be sufficient after modification
   - New space may be required

New equipment or other one-time costs: TBD

Recurring operating costs: TBD

Estimated timeline for implementation: TBD
Potential funding sources (boldface all that apply; attach notes from University Advancement and University Relations)

- State operating budget (decision package)
- New enrollments (tuition-based)
- External Education (fee-based)
- **Reallocation**
- Federal Support (agency: ______)
- Grants
- Partnerships (organizations/institutions: ______)
- **Private Funds**
- Other (please specify)