



*DGSC Statement*  
in Support of the Art History Department Student Relief Proposal

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The Doctoral and Graduate Students' Council (DGSC) expresses its strong support of the demands of the student body and faculty in Art History to reduce the incoming class of students in order to reallocate funding to support existing students in the department. Though a serious measure, many universities, both public and private, have already taken this action and the union believes that the Graduate Center should join them in prioritizing the financial security of its students.

The crisis of COVID-19 has severely disrupted the research plans of many students and has greatly delayed the timeline of people's path to degree. As well, with many students reaching the end of their 5-year funding packages, students will potentially lose their health insurance during an ongoing global pandemic. The DGSC affirms the [Art History department's student relief proposal](#), and supports any fellow departments' efforts to make the same decision in benefit of their current students.