Graduate Students with Disabilities

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DSO – Overview

• Accessibility Fund for Students with Disabilities - MTCU
• Staff:
  • 3.5 (FTE) advisors
  • 1.0 program coordinator
  • 1.0 receptionist
  • 0.8 adaptive technologist
• 967 students registered to date (2013-2014)
• Disability types:
  • Mental health: 306
  • LD: 202
  • ADHD: 122
Accommodations

- Documentation
- Functional limitations
- Accommodation = direct and rational connection between functional limitations and academic task
- Barrier removal => equitable opportunity
  - Accommodations do not change academic standards
- Letter of accommodation
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- Time
- Exam, classroom accommodations
- Accommodations on oral exams, defense
Potential Issues – Graduate Studies

- Documentation
  – DSO, SGS, academic department
- Formal vs. informal accommodations
- Academic standards – *bona fide*
- Disability and academic performance
- Supervisory relationships
- Field placements
- TA/RA accommodations
Questions, Discussion