Hunter College, School of Arts and Sciences - Academic Excellence Fees for Graduate Programs:

RESOLVED, that The City University of New York adopt a schedule of academic excellence fees for students in the Masters of Science in Geoinformatics in the School of Arts and Sciences at Hunter College, effective with the Fall 2017 semester and as detailed below:

Master of Science in Geoinformatics

Resident Full-time students:	$160 per credit
Resident Part-time students:	$160 per credit
Non Resident Full-time students:	$160 per credit
Non Resident Part-time students:	$160 per credit

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the excellence fee shall be collected on a student's first 33 credits in the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that students who transfer into the program shall be charged the excellence fee only on credits earned while they are matriculated in the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that students who have matriculated in the program before Fall 2017 shall be exempt from the excellence fee.

EXPLANATION: The Hunter College Master of Science Program in Geoinformatics will be a resource-intensive program directed at advanced managerial and research & development GIS professionals seeking to enhance their career opportunities. The high cost of sustaining advanced high speed computer labs, state of the art software, and quality course offerings in this highly technical and competitive field makes it critical to have an academic excellence fee to reinvest in the program. The College will continue to administer financial aid to assist students with the completion of their studies, and to bear the basic operating cost of GIS computer facilities.

Even with the additional cost of an excellence fee, the program will still be well-positioned to compete with other Masters-levels GIS programs, due to its cutting-edge programming and focus on educating advanced professionals in theory and program development. Graduates of the program are expected to earn high salaries. This unique blend of quality education at a relatively low cost should attract a diverse and exceptional student body.

The AEF will provide additional resources including licenses for students' use of a cloud-based platform for computing, state of the art GIS software, an accelerated computer replacement cycle for GIS teaching labs, and competitive salaries for the hiring of adjunct instructors with significant professional experiences. Furthermore, the fee-generated revenue will support guest speakers and panels of GIS professionals to further students' professional networks.