

POLICY MEMORANDUM

No. II-26

Graduate Assistantships

The purpose of this Policy Memorandum is to foster a healthy graduate program by relieving graduate students of most of their financial burden. The policy distributes that financial cost between the University and research sponsors.

A. General Terms: All M.S. Thesis¹ and Ph.D. students with at least a 0.25 FTE will continue receiving a non-resident waiver. GRA and GTA appointments can only be assigned at 0.25 FTE or 0.50 FTE. Only tuition and supplemental fees corresponding to courses included in the program of study will be eligible for remission. This policy supersedes all previous policies.

B. M.S. Thesis¹ and Ph.D. Students supported by unrestricted² GTA: The University will provide tuition and supplemental fee remission proportional to their appointment FTE. GTA's on 0.25 FTE GTA will receive 50% tuition and supplemental fee remission from the University. GTA's on 0.50 FTE GTA will receive 100% tuition and supplemental fee remission from the University.

C. M.S. Thesis and Ph.D. Students supported by unrestricted GRA (department, center, start-up, SRI, etc.): GRA's supported by unrestricted funds will have tuition and fee remission proportional to their FTE appointment. GRA's on 0.25 FTE GRA will receive 50% tuition and supplemental fee remission. GRA's on 0.50 FTE GRA will receive 100% tuition and supplemental fee remission. GRA's supported by unrestricted funds will receive their tuition and supplemental fee remission from unrestricted funds held by departments, centers, or PI's. The Campus will not provide any tuition and supplemental fee remission for GRA's whose stipends are funded by unrestricted funds held by departments, centers, or PI's.

D. M.S. Thesis and Ph.D. Students supported by grant-funded GRA: Tuition and supplemental fee remission must be budgeted in grant proposals (as allowed by the granting agency) proportional to their FTE appointment. GRA's budgeted at 0.25 FTE GRA must have 50% tuition and supplemental fees remission budgeted. GRA's budgeted at 0.50 FTE GRA must have 100% tuition and supplemental fee remission budgeted. The Campus will not provide tuition and supplemental fee remission for GRA's whose stipends, tuitions and supplemental fees are funded by grants.

E. M.S. Thesis and Ph.D. Students supported by GTA/GRA split appointments: Tuition and supplemental fee remission for the GTA portion covered as in (B) above. Tuition and supplemental fee remission for the GRA portion covered as in (C) and/or (D) above, depending on source funds for stipend of the GRA portion. A student on a GTA/GRA split must be at 0.50 FTE total, per FTE minimums in B-D above.

¹ M.S. non-thesis students with a teaching assignment will be reviewed by deans on a case by case basis

² Unrestricted funds are all funds except those from internal or external grants.

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Example:

A graduate student receives a twelve-month appointment at 0.50 FTE, split between a 0.25 FTE GTA appointment for nine months, a 0.25 FTE GRA appointment for nine months, and a 0.50 FTE GRA summer appointment (three months). The university will cover 50% of the tuition and supplemental fees for nine months and the remaining tuition and supplemental fees (50% for nine months, 100% for three months) will come from the same source(s) as the GRA stipend, either unrestricted funds held by departments, centers, or PI's for GRA's funded by unrestricted funds, or from research grants for externally-sponsored GRA's, as described above.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 05/15/2020

RESPONSIBILITY: Office of Graduate Studies

BASIS: Chancellor



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