

Changes to the Research Assistant Graduate Student Tuition Benefit Program

1. Tuition Benefit for Graduate Students

- a. Effective summer semester 2020, colleges/institutes will assume responsibility of covering the cost of Research Assistant (RA) Graduate Student tuition. All RA's will continue to receive tuition benefits aligned with the current Tuition Benefit Program (TBP) for other graduate student job codes (GA's, TA's, GF's), as per the policy (<https://gradschool.utah.edu/tbp/tuition-benefit-program-guidelines/>), and **the Graduate School will continue to administer RA TBP on behalf of the University**. Per the TBP rules, all graduate RA's in good standing have a right to TBP and should be supported by the college at the resident tuition rate for the designated duration (e.g., 10 semesters for PhD students, 4 semesters for Masters students). Support for tuition remission beyond the duration of the TBP will be at the discretion of the college and must be funded by alternative sources (contact Graduate School for guidance).
- b. Tuition remission for GA's, GF's, and TA's will continue to be administered/supported by the Graduate School through the TBP, and will be funded by central administration at current levels. Requests for increases to the number of students receiving central funding for GA, TA, or GF TBP benefits must be made to the Dean of the Graduate School, who will align approval for the increase in accordance with the College's strategic plan and approval of the SVPAA/SVPHS.

2. Reduction of Tuition for all Graduate Students Enrolled in Dissertation/Thesis Credit Hours

- a. Dissertation/Thesis credit hours will be charged approximately 33% of the standard tuition costs as determined by the graduate school (<https://fbs.admin.utah.edu/income/tuition/>). These changes will be made effective summer semester 2020, and are applicable for resident base tuition only.
- b. Full-Time Resident Base Student Tuition Scenarios (Estimation for a Semester)

Example: The budget range for a full-time resident graduate student (RA) for FY20 would be between approximately \$2,277 and \$4,761 per semester. Common Scenarios include:

- 12 Student Credit Hours (SCH) of Classes (No Dissertation): \$4,761
- 9 SCH of Dissertation only (No Classes): \$2,277
- 9 SCH with 3 hours of Classes and 6 hours of Dissertation: \$2,822

3. Funding for RA Tuition

- a. To budget for tuition in sponsored research, colleges should follow current policies: <https://osp.utah.edu/policies/procedure-library/tuition-on-grants.php>. RA tuition that is not charged to sponsored projects (5000) will be deducted from the college's F&A return (2500). Other funding sources for RA tuition will require approval by the Graduate School.