



Section 500: Award Management

OSR Policy 500.13 — Tuition Remission for Graduate Students Supported by Sponsored Awards

Responsible Officer: Director
Responsible Unit: Award Management
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Policy Statement

As with other salaries supported by sponsored funding, eligible graduate students of research project teams may be compensated with a partial tuition waiver based on the percentage of effort the individual graduate student will work on the project. The tuition rates differ depending on the applicable graduate program.

[The Graduate School](#) at UNC Chapel Hill provides Graduate Tuition Incentive Scholarships ([GTIS](#)) for eligible doctoral and masters students who receive external funding through sponsored research.

Reason for Policy

In conjunction with OMB [Circular A-21](#), tuition remission and other forms of compensation may be allowable provided the individual's participation in the research meets the [applicable criteria](#).

Exclusions/Exceptions

None.

Procedures and Related Policies

Tuition is calculated by multiplying the graduate student's predicted percent of effort on the project times the [tuition cost](#) of his/her particular graduate program.



For example, 25% effort times the fee for a state resident Journalism graduate student taking 4 hours in the 2007-08 academic year =

.25 x \$1,988.52 =

\$497.13 or approximately \$500 of tuition cost paid by the sponsor.

OSR Research Tool Kits

[Proposal Development and Submission: Developing a Budget](#)

Contacts

Questions and concerns can be submitted online at [Ask OSR](#) or by using the [OSR staff directory](#). Within [RAMSeS](#), the “*Speak to Someone*” option assists in locating the staff member best suited to address project-specific issues.

References

 [Research Administration Glossary at Carolina](#)

1. The Graduate School website.
 2. OMB Circular A-21, Section J.45, *Scholarships and Student Aid Costs*.
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Revision History

Prior Revisions: The policies in the *Office of Sponsored Research Policies & Procedures Manual* supersede any OSR policies, procedures and appendices previously included in the *University Business Manual*, a publication of UNC Chapel Hill’s [Division of Finance](#).

