

Graduate Student Tuition on Sponsored Projects

Effective April 15, 2004, Principal Investigators were instructed to request funds for graduate student tuition when they requested funds for graduate student stipends. Effective July 1, 2016, the Wake Forest University policy regarding graduate student tuition charges to sponsored projects, where allowed by sponsor guidelines, has been revised in accordance with the Graduate School's policy regarding graduate student tuition. Per this revised policy the following amounts should be included in all proposals that also include funding for graduate student stipends, regardless of the total of the direct costs requested:

- Amount stipulated for tuition in program/funding announcement
- 20% of the current full-time graduate student tuition cost for each full-time graduate student for the first year of the project for budget requests greater than or equal to \$100,000 per year
- 10% of the current full-time graduate student tuition cost for each full-time graduate student for the first year of the project for budget requests less than \$100,000 per year
- For subsequent years of multi-year projects and projects that begin in the next academic year, a 3% increase on the current amount of full-time graduate student tuition

The amounts above will be reviewed annually and may be changed in order to comply with the NIH limit on maximum total compensation to a graduate student. In cases where an award is recommended but a sponsor imposes a percentage cut to the requested budget, this percentage cut can be applied to the tuition request.

For proposals that request less than full-time salary support for graduate student Research Assistants, the Research Assistant's percentage effort will be applied to the tuition request amount. For example, a 50% time Research Assistant would include a request for 50% of our current full-time graduate student tuition cost.