

Graduate Student Tuition on Sponsored Projects

Effective April 15, 2004, Principal Investigators should request funds for graduate student tuition if they are requesting funds for graduate student stipends. Per Wake Forest University policy, graduate student tuition charges to sponsored projects, where allowed by sponsor guidelines, are:

5% of total direct costs (each year) for budget requests up to \$100K/yr

\$5500/research assistant/year for budget requests greater than \$100K/yr; a 3% increase is included annually after the first year

The \$100k threshold is direct costs only and applies to WFU direct costs if there are funds for collaborators/subawards included in the budget. Additionally, one-time, large equipment purchases are also excluded.

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. If the requested amount was above 100K/year but the awarded amount falls below 100K/year then the revised budget can reflect the percentage tuition request outlined above.

Effective January 18, 2007, in proposals that request less than full time salary support for graduate student RAs, the RA's percentage effort will be applied to the tuition request amount. For example, a 50% time RA would have a 50% of our current policy tuition request.