

# Graduate Student Support Plan

## Eligibility Summary

North Carolina State University

In order to be eligible for the Graduate Student Support Plan, a graduate student must meet all of the following requirements, at all times:

- Have an active, qualifying graduate appointment
  - Graduate appointment must be one of the following types (job codes):
    - Primary Fellowship
    - Research Assistantship (A148)
    - Research & Teaching Assistantship (A178)
    - Teaching Assistantship (A138)
    - Extension Assistantship (A428, A438, A448, A478)
  - Qualifying appointment must be, at least, \$8,000 annualized<sup>1</sup>
  - Must begin on or before Census Day
    - Must extend, at least, 30 days beyond the first day of classes<sup>2</sup>
- Be [enrolled full-time](#), at all times<sup>3</sup>
- Be [within their allowed semesters](#) for Graduate Student Support Plan tuition support<sup>4</sup>
  - Master's degree – 4 semesters
  - Doctoral degree with previous related master's degree – 8 semesters
  - Doctoral degree without previous related master's degree – 10 semesters
  - Every semester in which the student is enrolled counts against the total number of allowed semesters for tuition support, even if the student does not participate in the Graduate Student Support Plan.
  - Qualifying students are only *eligible* for tuition remission support for two semesters (one academic year) – after those two semesters, the student must obtain in-state residency.<sup>5,6</sup>
- Active in an on-campus master's or doctoral degree program
  - Distance education (DE) and graduate certificate programs do not qualify for the Graduate Student Support Plan.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility for the Graduate Student Support Plan, please see your department *Graduate Services Coordinator*.

Graduate Student Support Plan Website (For Students) - [go.ncsu.edu/gssp](http://go.ncsu.edu/gssp)

GSSP Handbook – [go.ncsu.edu/gssp-handbook](http://go.ncsu.edu/gssp-handbook)

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<sup>1</sup> To determine the annualized rate, please see your department Graduate Services Coordinator. Or, to get a rough estimate, multiply your bi-weekly rate by 26. There are 26 payroll periods in a fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup> If the qualifying appointment does not extend past November 30th for fall or April 30th for spring, tuition support will be prorated according to that early graduate appointment end date. The prorated portion of tuition associated with the segment of the semester in which the student is not appointed to a GSSP qualifying appointment will be applied to the student's billing account. It is the student's responsibility to pay this prorated portion of tuition if the department chooses not to sponsor this remaining tuition.

<sup>3</sup> If a student does not maintain full-time enrollment the duration of the sponsored semester, *ALL* of the tuition supported through the Graduate Student Support Plan will be reappplied to the student's billing account for payment. It is the student's responsibility to pay this tuition if the department chooses not to sponsor this tuition.

<sup>4</sup> The Graduate Student Support Plan does not sponsor summer tuition or *any* semester fees.

<sup>5</sup> This two-semester (one academic year) stipulation on GSSP tuition remission support does not apply to international students with visa types that cannot establish in-state residency.

<sup>6</sup> Please be advised that to establish in-state residency reclassification you must begin completing residency acts immediately upon relocating to North Carolina. For more residency information please see [North Carolina Residency Determination Service \(RDS\)](#).