

Graduate Student Support Plan Overview

The Graduate Student Support Plan (GSSP) is a highly competitive support package used to attract top students to NC State University. Under the plan, students that meet the eligibility requirements below receive health insurance and tuition support (for a limited number of academic terms) at no cost to them. Semester academic fees are currently not covered by the Graduate Student Support Plan.

- Have an active, qualifying graduate appointment (RA, TA, RA-TA, EA, or primary fellowship) with a minimum stipend of, at least, \$8,000 annualized. The qualifying appointment must begin on or before Census Day and extend, at least, 10 days beyond the first day of classes. Tuition will be prorated for graduate appointments that do not extend through the fall or spring semesters.
- Active in an on-campus master's or doctoral program. Distance education and graduate certifications are not eligible for the Graduate Student Support Plan
- Student must be enrolled full-time at all times. (4)
- Student must be within allowed semesters in order to be eligible for GSSP tuition benefits.

Every graduate student that actively meets these eligibility requirements automatically receives these supplemental benefits, regardless of their stipend funding source. A simplified eligibility chart is shown on page 2.

The Graduate School manages campus-wide eligibility and administers the plan. Funding to cover health insurance and tuition for teaching assistants (and a smaller number of research assistants) whose stipends are paid from state appropriated academic affairs budgets, is provided from a \$30.5 million pool. This fund was created in 1997 with a significant base-load of funding from the legislature to pay the tuition differential for non-resident graduate students. Over the years it has grown based on funding from various sources, including from campus initiated tuition increases. A budget structure history is included on page 3.

As a rule, research assistants and fellows who are supported on any other source of funds (including contracts and grants) will have their insurance and the in-state portion of their tuition paid directly from their stipend funding source. This payment is administered by the Graduate School. For non-resident research assistants and fellows (internationals and first year out-of-state students) supported from these *non-state* funding sources, the 75% of the out-of-state portion of their tuition (or "tuition remission") is paid from the \$30.5 million pool managed by the Graduate School, while the remaining 25% of tuition remission ("match") is paid directly from the student's stipend funding source (or, the "college"). These "match" funds are brokered through a Graduate Student Support Plan trust fund managed by the Graduate School. A "Who Pays for the GSSP" chart is included on page 4.

Graduate Student Support Plan (1) Membership Requirements At-A-Glance											
		Number of Semesters from Initial Graduate Enrollment to Current Semester (2)									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Current Graduate Classification		Hours of Registration Required (F=Full-time, at all times) (4)									
Master's		F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
Doctoral (DR)	DR students <i>with</i> a previous master's in the same or related field upon initial enrollment to the Graduate School at NC State	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
	DR students <i>without</i> a previous master's in the same or related field upon initial enrollment to the Graduate School at NC State	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
		Eligible Benefits: Health Insurance, In-State & Out-of-State Tuition (3)									
		Eligible Benefits: NCSU RA-TA Health Insurance Plan ONLY									

(1) For degree seeking graduate students that meet the below requirements at all times.

- Have an active, qualifying graduate appointment (RA, TA, RA-TA, EA, or primary fellowship) with a minimum stipend of, at least, \$8,000 annualized. The qualifying appointment must begin on or before Census Day and extend, at least, 10 days beyond the first day of classes. Tuition will be prorated for graduate appointments that do not extend through the fall or spring semesters.
- Active in an on-campus master's or doctoral program. Distance education and graduate certifications are not eligible for the Graduate Student Support Plan
- Student must be enrolled full-time at all times. (4)
- Student must be within allowed semesters in order to be eligible for GSSP tuition benefits.

(2) Fall and Spring semesters only. The Graduate Student Support Plan does not support any summer tuition. Semesters of Graduate Student Support Plan eligibility begin at initial enrollment in graduate studies at NCSU regardless of whether the student is active in a degree seeking program. Each semester that a student is enrolled in graduate studies counts as an eligible semester and against the total number of allowed semester for GSSP tuition eligibility regardless of whether the student actually participated/benefitted from the Graduate Student Support Plan.

(3) Out-of-State students are only eligible for tuition remission support through the Graduate Student Support Plan for the first two semesters of graduate studies (first academic year). After this time, the student must establish in-state residency. If the out-of-state student does not establish in-state residency after the first two semesters, they must receive, at least, a "Good Faith Effort" toward establishing in-state residency each subsequent semester in order to continue to be eligible for GSSP tuition remission support. This tuition remission stipulation does not apply to international students with visa types ineligible for establishing in-state residency.

(4) F = Full-time, at all times -- See "Full-Time/Part-Time Determination for All Graduate Students" for more information about enrollment requirements (www.ncsu.edu/grad/catalog/full-part-time.html)

Graduate Student Support Plan BUDGET (X \$1,000) |

As of 2/1/2016

Continuing Budget Structure:	Approx. Date	Grad. Student Health Insurance	In State Tuition Award	Tuition Remission	Overhead GSSP	Total	Cumulative Total
Original Tuition Remission	Pre 1997			\$ 5,179		\$ 5,179	\$ 5,179
Academic Enhancement Fund	08/21/98	800				800	\$ 5,979
1998 Legislative Appropriation (Expansion Budget) Part 1	02/08/99	383	1,035			1,418	\$ 7,397
1998 Legislative Appropriation (Expansion Budget) Part 2	07/30/99	59		2,502		2,561	\$ 9,958
Academic Enhancement Fund (5% Reduction)	11/29/99	(6)				(6)	\$ 9,952
Legislative Tuition Increase Increment (2000-01)	08/31/00			88		88	\$ 10,040
CITI Tuition Increase Increment (2000-01 \$300/student)	10/17/00		550			550	\$ 10,590
Continuing Budget Cut (FY 01-02)	10/01/01		(5)			(5)	\$ 10,585
Continuing Budget Cut (FY 01-02)	10/12/01	(4)				(4)	\$ 10,581
NC State Budget Allocation (Fall 2001)	11/08/01			1,500		1,500	\$ 12,081
Legislative Tuition Increase Increment Part 1	11/08/01			1,012		1,012	\$ 13,093
Legislative Tuition Increase Increment Part 2	11/26/01		247			247	\$ 13,340
Redistribution of 1998 Legislative Appropriation	11/30/01	(442)	(1,035)	1,477		0	\$ 13,340
Correction of 2000-01 Tuition Increase Increment	11/30/01		(100)	100		0	\$ 13,340
Transfer Fall 2001 NC State Budget Allocation to ISTA	11/30/01		1,500	(1,500)		0	\$ 13,340
CITI Tuition Increase Increment (2001-02 \$300/student)	02/11/02		300			300	\$ 13,640
Permanent Budget Reduction	10/24/02	(34)				(34)	\$ 13,606
CITI Tuition Increase Increment (2002-03 \$300/student)	11/06/02	200	500	300		1,000	\$ 14,606
Legislative Tuition Increase	12/16/02			1,334		1,334	\$ 15,940
Legislative Tuition Increase	02/10/03		202			202	\$ 16,142
Continuing Budget Reduction (FY 03-04)	07/30/03	(23)				(23)	\$ 16,118
Legislative Tuition Increase	09/08/03		151			151	\$ 16,270
Legislative Tuition Increase	09/08/03			359		359	\$ 16,629
TR Base correction (FY 04-05)	08/31/04			6		6	\$ 16,635
CITI - 2004-05	09/30/04	402	351			752	\$ 17,387
1.72% Budget Reduction for 05-06	10/05/05	(26)				(26)	\$ 17,362
CITI - 2005-06	10/07/05	601	449			1,050	\$ 18,412
F&A Receipt Allocation	02/10/06				500	500	\$ 18,912
TSERS Retirement Increase due to EPA LI 6.0%	08/31/06	0.36				0	\$ 18,912
CITI - 2006-07	10/02/06		454	355		809	\$ 19,721
Salary & Benefit Increase due to EPA LI 6.0%	10/03/06	12				12	\$ 19,733
PACE Budget Reduction	09/28/07	(28)				(28)	\$ 19,705
Retirement Adjustment	10/07/07	1				1	\$ 19,706
Budget JV 0000339945 trf 1310 funds to 201141	10/31/07	(272)				(272)	\$ 19,435
CITI 2007-08	11/28/07	397	156			554	\$ 19,988
Legislative Increase (Expansion Budget)	12/21/07			874		874	\$ 20,862
Health Plan Adj Ref 606 11-0045 (Posted as FY entry on 10/7/07)	07/01/08	1				1	\$ 20,863
Legislative Increase (Expansion Budget)	01/15/09			624		624	\$ 21,487
CITI 2009-10	10/30/09		386			386	\$ 21,872
Compact Planning Funds from the Provost	07/01/10	160				160	\$ 22,032
CITI 2010-11	08/19/10		503			503	\$ 22,535
F&A Alloc Pullback	08/02/10				(500)	(500)	\$ 22,035
Hold Harmless	10/05/10		1,005			1,005	\$ 23,040
Reinvestment Funds	02/28/11	97				97	\$ 23,137
Reinvestment Funds	03/01/11		315			315	\$ 23,452
From Provost	01/20/12		1,621			1,621	\$ 25,073
Add Approved Tuition	12/20/12		743			743	\$ 25,816
FY 12-13 CITI	12/20/12		1,047			1,047	\$ 26,863
FY 13-14 CITI	11/20/13		822			822	\$ 27,685
FY 14-15 CITI	10/21/14		1,909			1,909	\$ 29,594
Budget Realignment JV 0000639789	06/26/15	337	(337)			0	\$ 29,594
FY 15-16 CITI	11/19/15		944			944	\$ 30,538
Continuing Budget Total as of July 1, 2015		\$ 2,616	\$ 13,712	\$ 14,210	\$ -	\$ 30,538	\$ 30,538

FY 15-16 GSSP State Budget (x \$1,000)						
Projected Budget (2015-2016)	Beg. Budget	Budget Reduction (Contg)	Budget Increase (Contg)	Continuing Budget Total	Current Year Revisions	Revised Budget Totals
Health Insurance (Project 201140)	2,616			2,616		2,616
In-State Tuition (Project 227140)	12,768		944	13,712		13,712
Tuition Remission (Project 249490)	14,210			14,210		14,210
Total	\$29,594	\$0	\$944	\$ 30,538	\$0	\$30,538

Who Pays for the GSSP?

Appointment Funding Source	Health Insurance	In-State Tuition	Tuition Remission	TR Match
Academic Affairs, State Appropriated Ledger 2, Class Code 212 and 215	*Central resources managed by the Graduate School	Central resources managed by the Graduate School	Central resources managed by the Graduate School	
ETF Academic Affairs Ledger 3 Class Code 23375	*Central resources managed by the Graduate School	Central resources managed by the Graduate School	Central resources managed by the Graduate School	
NC Agr. Research Service State Appropriated Ledger 4	Source of assistantship/fellowship or college or department	Central resources managed by the Graduate School	Central resources managed by the Graduate School	
All others	Source of assistantship/fellowship or college or department	Source of assistantship/fellowship or college or department	Central resources managed by the Graduate School	25%

*GSHI premiums are charged to the stipend source but this is subsidized by the amount of budget transferred to each college for graduate health insurance.