

# Graduate Student Support Plan (GSSP)

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# What is the GSSP?

The Graduate Student Support Plan (GSSP) is a financial support package to attract top students to NC State University.

Graduate students eligible for the Plan receive tuition\* and health insurance benefits at no cost to them.

\*[Semesters of eligibility](#)

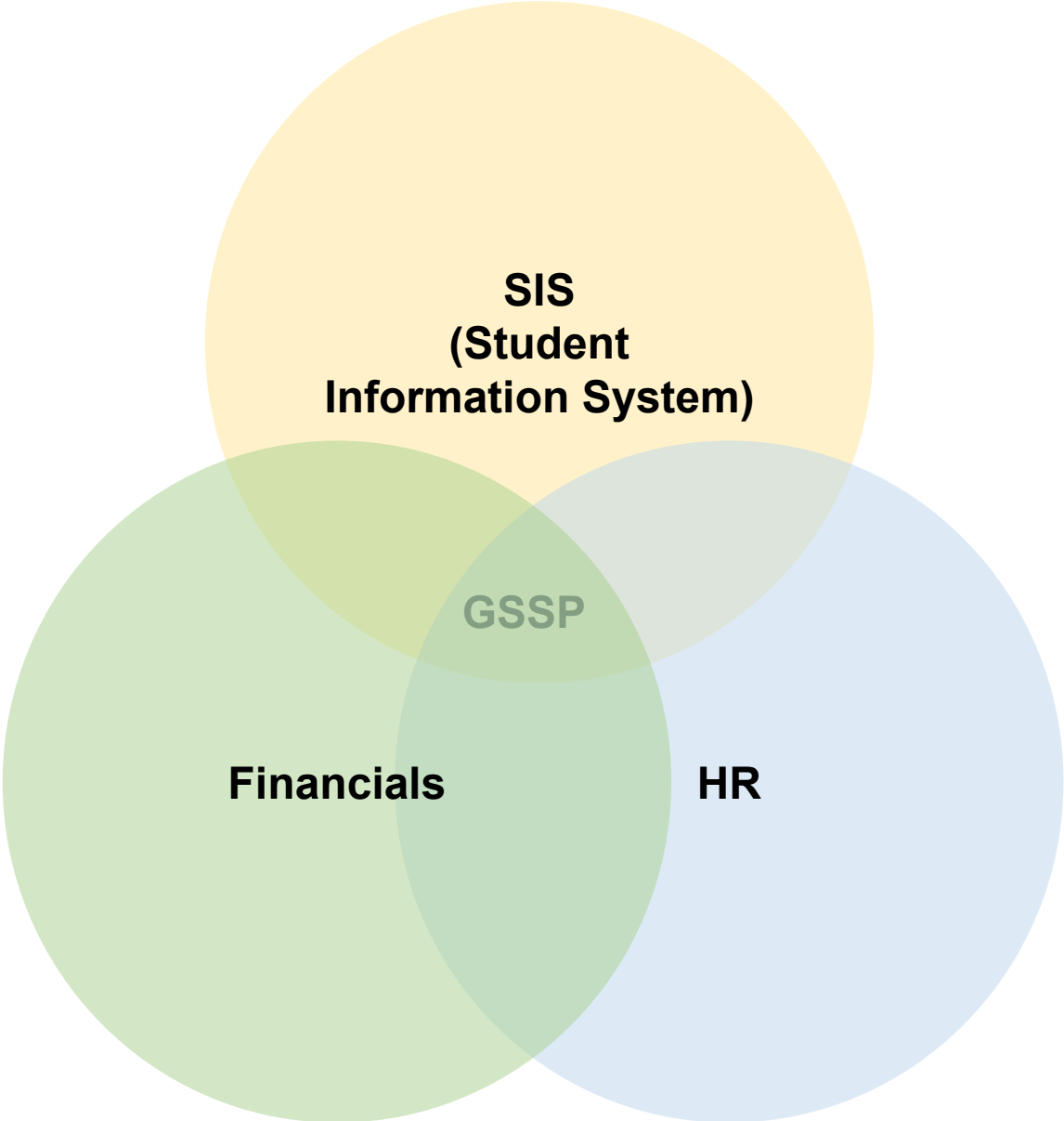
# Size & Scope

## Participation:

Over **3,373** students; ~ 48% of all on-campus graduate students

## Funding:

- FY 2021 | Over \$56.3 million
  - \$ 39.8M – Graduate School (Provost allocated funding)
  - \$ 16.5M – Other Funding Sources (non-state funding sources, including grants)
    - \$13M - Contracts and Grants



# Eligibility Requirements

- (1) **Active in an on-campus Master's or PhD degree program**
  - Distance Education (DE) and graduate certificate program students do not qualify for the Plan.
- (2) **Active, qualifying graduate appointment**
  - Fellowship, RA, TA, RA/TA, or Extension Assistantship
  - At least, \$8,000 annualized
  - **Begins on or before Census Day**
    - Must extend, at least, 30 days beyond the first day of classes (to initially qualify) and through the semester's duration to receive full benefits.
- (3) **Enrolled full-time, *at all times***
- (4) **Within allowed semesters for *tuition support* (fall & spring only)**
  - Master's – 4 semesters
  - PhD with a previous master's – 8 semesters
  - PhD without a previous master's – 10 semesters

\*See [GSSP Eligibility Summary](#) for complete details.

# Receiving Benefits

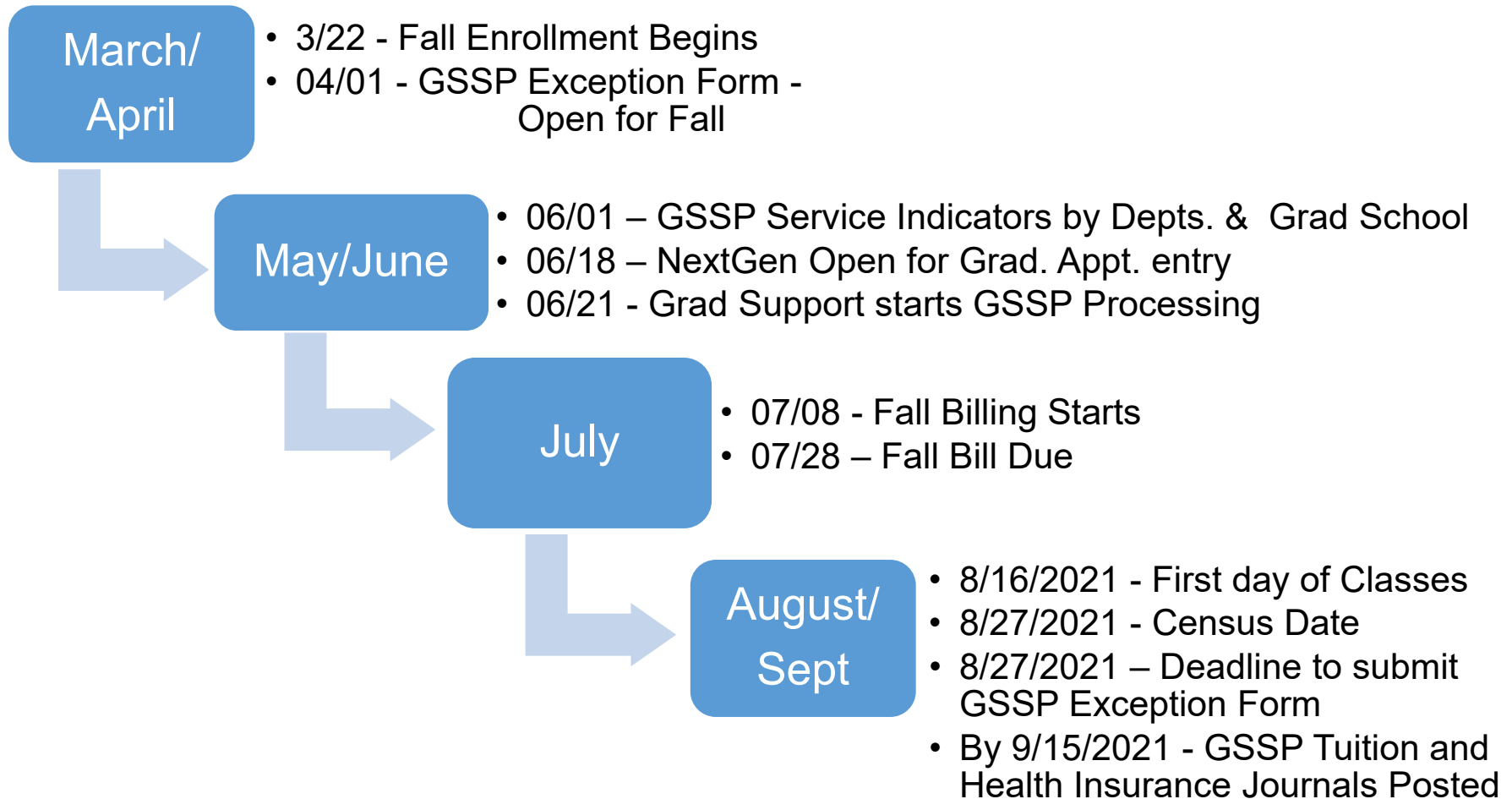
Once a student actively meets all eligibility requirements ahead of Fall or Spring semester, the Graduate Support System *automatically*:

- Creates a tuition award,
- Adds the student to the NCSU RA-TA Health Insurance Plan (8/1 or 1/1), and
- Applies benefits to the student's billing account.

**BUT**, timely action on the part of the student and appointment sponsoring program is *important*. The student is ineligible for GSSP benefits if eligibility requirements are not met by Census Day each semester.

If a student fails to meet all GSSP eligibility requirements at all times, they may lose all or a portion of their benefits.

# GSSP Timeline – Fall 2021



# GSSP Exceptions



Exception requests may be submitted by the DGP or GSC



Fall 2020 exceptions will not be considered after Census Day except in extreme circumstances



[GSSP Exception Request Form](#)



# Salary Redistributions

- GSSP process captures funding data as of Census Day
- Any changes after Census are **not captured**, even if backdated
- HR actions impact financials and GSSP
- Departments must [notify the graduate school](#) if SDC's impact [state funds](#).

# Updates

- [Tuition](#) changes
- System updates
- Student Checklist

# GSSP Resources for Administrators

- SIS Queries
- Data Requests :
  - <https://grad.ncsu.edu/faculty-and-staff/forms/>
  - <https://form.asana.com/?k=9IikD-4DyolsQVS-4dDMYw&d=941899506210581>
- GSSP for Administrators:
  - [go.ncsu.edu/gssp-admin](https://go.ncsu.edu/gssp-admin)

# Training

To request GSSP training contact:

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To view a previous GSSP presentation for  
researchers:

<https://reporter.ncsu.edu/index.html>

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Q & A

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