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
SIS
(Student Information System)

GSSP

Financials

HR
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

March/April
- 3/22 - Fall Enrollment Begins
- 04/01 - GSSP Exception Form - Open for Fall

May/June
- 06/01 – GSSP Service Indicators by Depts. & Grad School
- 06/18 – NextGen Open for Grad. Appt. entry
- 06/21 - Grad Support starts GSSP Processing

July
- 07/08 - Fall Billing Starts
- 07/28 – Fall Bill Due

August/Sept
- 8/16/2021 - First day of Classes
- 8/27/2021 - Census Date
- 8/27/2021 – Deadline to submit GSSP Exception Form
- By 9/15/2021 - GSSP Tuition and Health Insurance Journals Posted
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=9IlkD-4DyoIsQVS-4dDMYw&d=941899506210581
• GSSP for Administrators:
  – 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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