



The Graduate School

GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT PLAN – ELIGIBILITY AT A GLANCE

A graduate student must **meet all of the following requirements**, at all times to receive GSSP benefits:

- Have an active, qualifying graduate appointment or Primary Fellowship:
 - Graduate appointment must be one of the following types:
 - Research Assistantship
 - Research & Teaching Assistantship
 - Teaching Assistantship
 - Primary Fellowship
 - Qualifying appointment must pay, at least, \$8,000 annualized or \$666.67 bi-weekly
 - Qualifying Fellowship must pay, at least, \$3,000 per semester.
 - Must begin on or before Census Day
 - Must extend, at least, 30 days beyond the first day of classes
 - Appointment must last the duration of the semester to receive full tuition award.

- Be [enrolled full-time](#), at all times

- 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.

- Be within their allowed semesters for Graduate Student Support Plan tuition support:

Degree	Number of Semesters
Master’s Degree	4
Doctoral degree with previous related master’s degree*	8
Doctoral degree without previous related master’s degree	10
<p><i>* Upon admission to a doctoral program, the master’s degree is assumed to be related. Student should contact departmental Director of Graduate Programs or Graduate Service Coordinator, if that is not the case.</i></p> <p><i>Each 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.</i></p>	



GRADUATE STUDENT SUPPORT PLAN – BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

Graduate Students meeting above eligibility requirements are provided the following benefits **at no cost to the student**:

- Graduate Student Health Insurance: A separate health insurance plan negotiated for the GSSP eligible graduate students only. This plan is separate from the mandatory Student Health Insurance plan available to all on-campus students.
- Instate Tuition: Standard full-time tuition for a limited number of semesters.
 - Covered for Fall and Spring semesters only. Summer tuition is not included.
 - Premium tuition and Student fees are not included.
- Tuition Remission: For out of state and international students, GSSP covers the difference between the out of state tuition and instate tuition (known as tuition remission) for a limited number of semesters.
 - *International Students*: Tuition Remission is covered for the entire duration of GSSP eligibility.
 - *Domestic Out of State Students*: Tuition Remission is provided for two semesters (one academic year); after the two semesters, the student must obtain instate residency.
 - Domestic out of state students must begin completing residency acts immediately upon relocating to North Carolina. For residency information please see [Graduate School Residency website](#).
- Duration of Benefits: Students are eligible for GSSP tuition benefits for a limited number of semesters. Each semester in which a student is enrolled counts towards the total number of allowed semesters, even if the student does not participate in the GSSP.

For questions regarding Graduate Student Support Plan eligibility or benefits, please contact your [department Graduate Services Coordinator](#) or see the GSSP for Students website at go.ncsu.edu/gssp.