





MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans

FROM: Warwick A. Arden, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost 
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SUBJECT: Limitations on Graduate Fellowships Supported by State-appropriated Funds

DATE: July 25, 2025

We are writing to provide clarification regarding the use of state-appropriated funds for fellowships.

Under its Budget Flexibility Provision, the state legislature prohibits the university from creating new financial aid programs using state appropriations. Therefore, except for the fellowship programs offered through the Graduate School, state-appropriated funds cannot be used to offer graduate fellowships through colleges and departments.

It has recently come to our attention that some colleges and departments have been offering fellowships using state-appropriated funds. Colleges and departments do not have the authority to offer state-appropriated funds for fellowships. Please ensure that this is adhered to for fall 2025.

For the current and future recruitment cycles, please do not issue new offers for college or department fellowships funded by state appropriations. If your college or departments in your college currently have any outstanding commitments budgeted on state appropriations in FY 2026 or thereafter, please re-budget those future obligations to another appropriate fund source. If an alternate fund source is not available, please contact Vice Provost for Budget and Business Operations Eduardo Lorente to discuss other options.

The Graduate School will not process any college or department fellowships funded on state appropriations effective fall 2025 and will request an alternate funding source. They are currently updating the fellowships portion of their website and related documentation, and will notify the university community once the updates are complete. In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding state-funded fellowships, please contact Savita Sharma at ssharm43@ncsu.edu.

Please share this memo broadly with your departments. Thank you for your continued support of NC State and its mission.

cc: Peter Harries, Dean, Graduate School
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