

A&S Guidelines for Graduate Scholarships

FY'14 - Effective for 13US, 13FS, and 14SS

Effective Summer Semester 2013, the Graduate School has changed the methodology for awarding and managing tuition scholarships for graduate students. The UGS is gone. The Graduate School has created two new scholarships for graduate students:

- GAS** --Graduate Assistant Scholarship
- GIA** -- Graduate Incentive Award

These new general funds graduate scholarships cover the instructional fee, non-resident fee (if needed), the General Fee, and the Campus Life Fee. These scholarships do not cover the ITIE fee. The scholarships can be awarded for 100% of the eligible fees or for partial coverage. Full-time or part-time registration can be covered if the student is meeting the requirements of the academic program and financial awards. This is no change from past UGS awards. [FY'14 Tuition Rate Chart](#)

Detailed information about each program is provided below. In general, the GAS will be awarded to any student funded with a graduate assistantship, regardless of the source. The GIA will be awarded to students funded by other methods, including fellowships and internships. The GIA will also fund partial scholarships for students, such as Master's students in 4+1 programs.

REMEMBER: Students that exceed the 174/140 semester graduate credit limit, are ineligible for GA Allocation GA stipends and GAS/GIA scholarships. [UC's Graduate Handbook](#) , p. 29

Departments are expected to encourage domestic, out-of-state students, when they approach having been self-supporting within the state for one year, to apply for Ohio residency. This will allow the scholarship budgets to serve more students.

The Graduate Assistant Scholarship (GAS) is available to Graduate Assistants. The budget for these scholarships will be in a central UC pool, not assigned to the college. The intent is to allow for colleges and departments to admit the best students without considering the higher cost of non-residency to a scholarship budget.

From the Graduate School, the minimum qualifications to award a GAS are:

- Graduate Assistant title
- paid through UC payroll
- 25% FTE, ~10 hr/wk work required
- \$298.50/biweekly
- 7.5 biweeklies/semester

A&S' expectations for the awarding of graduate assistantships from the GA budget (and therefore the expectations for the GAS) are listed below.

- GAS are 50% FTE, working ~20 hr/wk, earning at least the minimum stipend of \$597/biweekly set by the graduate school, consistent with the standard pay rates of the department.
- A&S sets a payment schedule of 9 biweeklies for each of fall and spring semesters (9-9) and, for those GAS that are paid year-round 8 biweeklies for summer semester (9-9-8). [A&S GA Pay Calculator FY'14](#) [A&S GA Standard Pay Schedules](#)

Registration requirements for the GAS:

- Full-time registration
 - a minimum of 12G if UDean-funded GA
 - a minimum of 10G if dept-funded GA (non-UDean)
- a part-time registration and a reduced GAS may be requested once the GA has completed all course and credit requirements of the degree program and if the GA is paid a dept-funded stipend

Typical part-time registrations are:

- 1G to maintain matriculation, access to UC resources and Student Health Insurance.
- 5G (half-time registration for a graduate student) to defer repayment of student loans, maintain OPERS exemption as a registered student on UC payroll
- Various registration requirements that should be considered by graduate students when deciding on a part-time registration are collected for reference: [Various Registration Requirements](#) .

The Graduate Incentive Award (GIA) is a general funds scholarship for those students who do not meet the qualifications for the Graduate Assistant Scholarship (GAS). Two broad groups will be supported by GIA:

Fully-funded students:

- All graduate fellows or trainees whose stipends are paid through UniverSIS
- Interns that are paid outside of UC, directly by agencies or companies

Partially-funded and unfunded students:

- GAs not meeting the minimum payment requirements for the GAS award
- 4+1 students receiving 25% scholarships toward full-time tuition for 2 semesters
- Other programs/situations where scholarships incentivize students to enroll and co-pay tuition

The college will receive a fixed GIA budget. The Graduate School/Provost's expectation is that the college will use the GIA scholarships to leverage revenue from graduate enrollment and tuition payments. Because A&S will support our fully-funded fellows and interns on GIA scholarship, many of the GIA will not generate tuition revenue. Awards to partially-funded and unfunded students will need to generate tuition revenue.

A&S' expectations for the awarding of Graduate Incentive Awards (GIA) scholarships are listed below.

Fully-funded students:

- A student receiving a 100% GIA scholarship award will have a fellowship or traineeship of similar value to a 50% FTE GA.
- Interns, being paid by entities outside of UC, must be approved for GIA scholarship by the A&S Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research. The primary purpose of these placements is to meet degree requirements and/or provide needed academic, research, or professional experience.

Partially-funded students:

- Fellows and trainees receiving partial stipend support may qualify for a partial GIA scholarship. Generally, the scholarship award is proportional to the partial stipend. Departments have standard rates of pay, most are above the Graduate School's minimum rates. The departmental standards are the basis for determining full and partial awards. Partial scholarship awards need prior approval from the A&S Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research.
- 4+1 students will receive 2 semesters of 25% GIA scholarship for full-time study once they have the BA/BS conferred, are formally admitted to the Masters program and are enrolled as a graduate student.

- Other awards of GIA scholarships will be considered on a case-by-case basis to be approved by the A&S Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research.

Registration requirements for the GIA:

- full-time registered for a minimum of 10G (12G required if any UDean-funding is involved)
- a part-time registration and reduced GIA scholarship may be requested once all course and credit requirements of the degree program are complete

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- 1G to maintain matriculation, access to UC resources, Student Health Insurance
- 5G (half-time registration for a graduate student) to defer repayment of student loans, maintain OPERS exemption as a registered student on UC payroll
- Various registration requirements that should be considered by graduate students when deciding on a part-time registration are collected for reference: [Various Registration Requirements](#) .
- Departments should work with their advanced students to minimize registration and the scholarships while considering individual needs. These individual situations need approval from the A&S Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research.

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