

## **Teaching Assistants / Research Assistants Tuition Policy Exceptions**

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Under extenuating circumstances, the Provost's office could classify the RAs of a program for tuition purposes at the resident rate even if their financial support does not meet the baseline rates established by the Graduate School (\$9,000 for master's students or \$14,800 for Ph.D. students). These short-term exceptions should be considered based on the following criteria:

- For the duration of the academic term that the student is classified at the in-state rate, the RA duties and expectations should be consistent with those of other full-time RAs.
- Evidence that the particular outside funding agency has limits on financial support it is able to offer. An attempt should be made to secure annual financial support as close as possible to \$9,000/AY for master's students and the full \$14,800/AY for the Ph.D. students to be eligible for the exception.
- Evidence of other possible extraordinary circumstances related to the program's history or accreditation, contracts existing at the time of the new policy implementation, and exceptional social value (e.g., service to the public) resulting from the tuition waiver.
- Evidence that the exception helps the program meet broader institutional goals.
- Requests for exceptions will be reviewed by a subcommittee (3 members) of Graduate Council. The subcommittee will make recommendations to the Associate Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School.

Exceptions should be reviewed by Academic Affairs periodically and reported to Graduate Council.