Charging Graduate Tuition to Sponsored Awards

REASON FOR POLICY

This policy provides the framework for budgeting and direct charging of graduate tuition to sponsored awards in the School of Arts & Sciences. Tuition charges on federal awards are subject to the Uniform Guidance part 200.466. Consistent with this guidance, tuition remission may be charged if students are conducting activities necessary for the sponsored award, if these activities are related to the student’s graduate degree program and provided the terms and conditions of the award do not prohibit such charges.

POLICY PRINCIPLES

Tuition remission is the payment of tuition expense as part of compensation to graduate students performing necessary work on sponsored awards. Unlike salaries, wages, and stipend, tuition remission must be excluded from the application of indirect costs on federal awards.

If applicable, continuation fees, health insurance, and health fees may also be charged. Continuation fees, health insurance, and health fees are not excluded from the application of indirect costs. The amount charged to a sponsored award for tuition (and continuation fees, health insurance, and health fees if applicable) may not exceed the amount due from the student for the period when the student contributed effort to the sponsored project. In the event that a student withdraws from the University after the beginning of the enrollment period, a prorated rate of tuition due from the student must be used as a basis for the calculation of the charges to the sponsored award. The prorated amount must be calculated according to Tufts Tuition Refund Policy and/or the school tuition refund policy, as applicable.

The funding support for PhD RAs working in Arts & Sciences research labs must include the following items:

(1) **Annual (minimum) salary** as determined by the Service Employees International Union Local 509 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

(2) **Annual tuition charge** of $9,194 for AY21-22 (for subsequent project budget periods, a 4% escalation should be included each year during the student’s first five years in the PhD program).

(3) **Annual health fee** of $958 for AY21-22 (for subsequent budget periods, a 4% escalation should be included each year during the student’s first six years in the PhD program).

(4) **Annual health insurance** of $3,755 for Year 21-22 (for subsequent budget periods, a 6% escalation should be included each year during the student’s first six years in the PhD program).

(5) **Indirect Costs** applied in accordance with the University’s negotiated rate agreement

In the event a PhD student is not fully supported as an RA, these amounts will be prorated.

Currently, GSAS subsidizes tuition in various Master’s and DOT degree programs. However, GSAS does not cover health insurance and health fees for Master’s and Doctors of Occupational Therapy students.

The School of Arts & Sciences policy complies with the University policy.