

The President, Provost, and I have been discussing the formation of an interim policy regarding the charging of Graduate Research Assistant's (GRA's) tuition to sponsored programs. The current fee remission policy, as written, is having a substantial negative impact on our finances. The Office of the Vice President for Research's budget for graduate research assistant tuition is just over \$1,000,000. But based on the anticipated charges, the actual expense is expected to be around \$2,800,000 creating a \$1,800,000 shortfall for FY18. The sooner we can begin to address this issue, the less impact it will have on future budgets.

We would like to ask for comments on the following as a proposal for an interim policy.

- Cost sharing in the form of student aid (tuition fee remissions) will only be provided by the University for externally sponsored programs that provide full Facilities and Administrative (F&A) costs and support a graduate research assistant stipend for a minimum amount of \$3,400 awarded competitively per semester (\$850 per month).
- Graduate students must be registered for a minimum of six hours.
- To be eligible for this form of cost sharing the following limits apply
 - Externally sponsored programs with an award total of at least \$100,000
 - Two semesters of tuition per award
 - Externally sponsored programs with an award total of at least \$250,000
 - Four semesters of tuition per award
 - Externally sponsored programs with an award total of at least \$500,000
 - Six semesters of tuition per award
 - Externally sponsored programs with an award total of at least \$750,000
 - Eight semesters of tuition per award
 - Maximum of eight semesters of tuition per award
- Exceptions may be requested but must be approved by the Office of the Vice President for Research