

Allocation of state-funded Graduate Assistantship (GA) stipends, tuition and fees for Section II funded GA's and student travel awards

1. Base GA allocation funds

Academic college deans with graduate programs will annually receive a base dollar allocation for graduate assistantship stipends. The college Deans will allocate these stipends to graduate programs in their college following practices that most effectively support graduate education. Existing cross-college interdisciplinary doctoral graduate programs (currently PiE, MCLS, and Neuroscience) are each provided two GA stipends for this block GA allocation. College deans and interdisciplinary program directors must submit an accounting of the actual uses of the base GA allocation for the previous fiscal year when they forward department- and program-level proposals for additional funding from the competitive GA pool. The base GA allocation will be subject to review every three to five years. The 'state-funded' GA stipends will be accompanied by a separate allocation for tuition, mandatory fees and health insurance. *The initial base stipend allocation to each academic college will be the dollar amount allocated in FY10.*

2. "Competitive" GA stipend allocation

The Provost will retain a pool of graduate program funds (Provost's GA pool) for graduate stipends to be awarded to graduate programs. The competitive GA's will be awarded on the basis of ranked application by the college Dean, following a process and select set of criteria established by the Graduate Education Taskforce. Criteria for AY 2009-2010 are attached. The competitive GA stipends will be awarded for a two-year commitment, with the expectation that any additional funding will be provided by the department/program.

3. Other GA funding

A small number of minority and women and other special grants program GA's will be awarded each year from the Provost's pool of graduate stipend funding. Summer Ph.D. stipend augmentation will be awarded from this pool

4. Tuition and fee awards for Section II funded graduate assistantships

The funding for tuition and fee awards (formerly referred to as New 100 tuition and fee waivers) will be awarded by the Provosts office on request.

5. Graduate student travel awards

The matching fund for graduate student travel will be retained and administered by the Provost office. Funding for the travel awards is allocated from the application fee pool.