



TUITION BENEFIT PROGRAM Quick Reference Guide

The Tuition Benefit Program (TBP) pays general graduate tuition and mandatory fees for eligible graduate students compensated through the University of Utah. Differential tuition and all non-mandatory fees are not covered.

TO QUALIFY, STUDENTS MUST:

*** Be coded in a qualified job:**

- TA – 9314, Exempt
- RA – 9314, Exempt (5000 fund only)
- GA – 9330, Exempt
- GF – fellowship with monthly stipend

*** Be matriculated in a graduate program.**

*** Be registered for 9-16 credit hours.**

TBP covers up to 12 graduate hours Fall and Spring for TAs, GAs and GFs, and 11 hours for RAs.

*** Be included on the home department TBP web list by the 15th day of classes.** See Deadline Calendar on website for exact dates.

*** Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 (Law, 2.0).**

*** Receive Minimum Support from the U.**

2013 - 2014 Minimum Support Levels

\$6,500/ semester: 100% tuition benefit
\$4,875/ semester: 75% tuition benefit
\$3,250/ semester: 50% tuition benefit

2014 - 2015 Minimum Support Levels

\$6,750/ semester: 100% tuition benefit
\$5,063/ semester: 75% tuition benefit
\$3,375/ semester: 50% tuition benefit

20 hrs/ week (0.50 FTE) = 100% TB
15 hrs/ week (0.375 FTE) = 75% TB
10 hrs /week (0.25 FTE) = 50% TB

Semesters Dates for Support Levels

Fall Semester is defined as the period from August 16 to December 31.

Spring semester is defined as the period from January 1 to May 15.

Summer semester is defined as the period from May 16 to August 15.

Students lose their TBP support and are charged for their tuition when they a) drop below 9 credit hours even briefly after the 15th day of the semester, b) receive less than the minimal financial support, c) fail to provide evidence of acceptable SPEAK test scores where required, or d) otherwise fail to meet requirements.

Limits on TBP

Master's students = 4 semesters (Fall & Spring)

Doctoral student entering with a bachelor's degree = 10 semesters

Doctoral student entering with a master's degree from the U = 6 semesters

Doctoral student entering with a master's degree from elsewhere = 8 semesters

Students who are RAs during Spring or Fall semester can receive Tuition Benefit for 3 credits during Summer semester, as long as they continue to be supported as RA's through the summer. Summer is not counted toward the TBP Limit.

An additional 2 semesters of TBP support are available for some TAs. See website for details.

Subsidized Graduate Student Health Insurance

Available to TAs and RAs who are receiving a full 100% tuition benefit. They can be both a TA and RA, with the total adding up to 100% tuition benefit to qualify. The insurance is the same Student Health Insurance policy offered to all U students. Coverage for dependents is not subsidized. Rates and brochures are available at www.uhcsr.com/utah.

Qualifying students pay 20% of the premium and The Graduate School pays the remaining 80% at the start of the semester. Throughout the semester, The Graduate School is reimbursed via bi-monthly payroll deductions from the TA benefit pool or RA benefit allotment.

For additional information, please refer to gradschool.utah.edu/tbp or contact Jolyn Schleiffarth, jolyn.schleiffarth@gradschool.utah.edu or 1-6020.