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 – 9416, 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 9-12 **graduate level** credit hours for Fall and Spring for TAs, GAs and GFs, and 9-11 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

* International students* must have clearance from the ITA Program in order to receive tuition benefit for a TA (Job Code 9416) assignment.

**Qualifying Payroll/Stipend Dates for Contributing to Minimum Support Levels**

Payroll and/or stipend payments must occur within the following date ranges in order to count toward the minimum support level:

- **Fall Semester:** August 16 to December 31
- **Spring semester:** January 1 to May 15
- **Summer semester:** 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, or c) 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 Fall or Spring semester can receive Tuition Benefit for 3 credits during Summer semester, as long as they continue to be supported as RAs 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. Participants may hold both an RA and TA position (with the total adding up to 100% tuition benefit) to qualify. The insurance is the same Student Health Insurance policy offered to all U of U students. Coverage for dependents is not subsidized. Rates and brochures are available at www.uhcsr.com/utah.

Qualifying students are billed for 20% of the premium through Income Accounting. 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 this reason, RAs must be paid from a grant (5000 fund) that has a benefit allotment for each student researcher. If there is no benefit pool on the grant that the student is paid from, they should be coded as a GA (9330) and not included on the subsidized health insurance.

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