



## 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 – 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 for RAs.

**\* Be included on the home department TBP web list by the 15<sup>th</sup> day of classes.**

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

**\* Receive Minimum Support from the U:**

*2018-19 Minimum Support Levels*

\$7,750/ semester: 100% tuition benefit  
\$5,813/ semester: 75% tuition benefit  
\$3,875/ semester: 50% tuition benefit

*2017-18 Minimum Support Levels*

\$7,500/ semester: 100% tuition benefit  
\$5,625/ semester: 75% tuition benefit  
\$3,750/ 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 who are non-native speakers of North American English must have clearance from the ITA Program (<http://www.utah.edu/ita>) in order to receive tuition benefit for a TA (Job Code 9416) assignment. Contact Diane Cotsonas [diane.cotsonas@utah.edu](mailto:diane.cotsonas@utah.edu).

\*\*Departments hiring GA's outside of their department must get permission from the Graduate School to allow those students to utilize tuition benefit.

**Students lose their TBP support** and are charged for their tuition when they a) drop below 9 credit hours (even briefly) after the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the semester, b) receive less than the minimal financial support, or c) otherwise fail to meet requirements.

#### 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

#### 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, but includes dental/vision coverage and the premium is subsidized. Coverage for dependents is not subsidized.

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.