



The Graduate School
THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

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 (9331 not allowed)
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 15th day of classes.

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

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

2019-20 Minimum Support Levels

\$7,950/ semester: 100% tuition benefit
\$5,962/ semester: 75% tuition benefit
\$3,975/ semester: 50% tuition benefit

2018-19 Minimum Support Levels

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

**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 15th 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.