GRADUATE SCHOOL BENEFIT PROGRAMS
2020 UPDATES

AGENDA:

Tuition Benefit Program 2020 Changes
Graduate Subsidized Health Insurance Program
TBP-ELIGIBLE JOB TYPES

Graduate Research Assistant (RA): job code 9314, Exempt

A graduate student assigned directly to an externally funded research grant (5000 fund only) and doing research for that project.

**The University is encouraging PIs to pay RA tuition from the grants that they are assigned to. RA’s paid from a 5k fund can still be on tuition benefit. The tuition benefit paid on their behalf will be deducted from the department’s returned research overhead.**
**TBP-ELIGIBLE JOB TYPES**

**Graduate Teaching Assistant (TA): job code 9416, Exempt**

A graduate student teaching assistant. International students must be cleared through the International Teaching Assistant Program (contact Diane Cotsonas x. 5-6659) before being placed in jobs coded 9416.

**Graduate Fellow (GF), no job code, not on payroll**

A graduate student on a fellowship, whose tuition is not paid by their fellowship award. Fellowship payments may be distributed as a scholarship through the University’s Scholarship Administration System (SA), or in special cases as a monthly traineeship disbursement through Accounts Payable. No employer-employee relationship exists in a fellowship. The University administers the award. A service expectation may or may not accompany it.
TBP-ELIGIBLE JOB TYPES

Graduate Assistant – Teaching Focus (GT) job code 9417, Exempt

This category is appropriate only for incoming international students with no student contact (e.g., graders). The student can be in this category for one semester. By the end of that semester, the student must be participating in the ITA Program so they can be appointed in the TA category in future semesters.

Graduate Assistant – Research Focus (GR) job code 9330, Exempt

This category will accommodate graduate assistants doing research or research-related work, who are not paid from a 5000 fund, as well as students doing field work and clinical work.

***If a student wishes to work as a GR outside his/her home (academic) department, prior approval must be granted by the Dean of The Graduate School. Email for approval: tuitionbenefit@gradschool.utah.edu.

****Administrative job types are not allowed in conjunction with TBP****
TUITION BENEFIT DOLLAR LIMITS

Each department will have an annual tuition benefit dollar limit for these four categories: TA, GR, GT, GF. (RA’s are separate – their tuition may be paid from grant via xTBP, of if the RA is added to TBP, the tuition comes out of the hiring department’s returned overhead)

The TBP dollar limit will be based on tbp utilization in 2019-20 for TA, GA, GF.

Increases will have to be requested as part of the department’s annual budget meeting.
TUITION BENEFIT DOLLAR LIMITS

You’ll be able to see the dollar limit in your tuition benefit data entry portal. As you add students to your list, the system will calculate an estimate for you,
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Once we start to credit student tuition statements, you’ll also see the running total on your report.
NEW EXTENDED TUITION BENEFIT OPTION

If the department is paying an RA tuition from a grant, beginning Fall 2020 you’ll be able to do that in the tuition benefit system. You’ll have a new section in your data entry for extended tuition benefit.

xTBP is not just for paying tuition from grants – you’ll be able to pay tuition for any student from any department fund. This can accommodate students who have run out of tuition benefit, or any student you’d like to pay tuition for.

xTBP will allow you to pay the resident tuition rate. RA’s who have exceed 84 total credit hours will still be responsible for the nonresident portion of tuition.
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If you need to use more than one chartfield to pay the tuition - for example, you’d like to split the tuition between two chartfields - please send an email to tuitionbenefit@gradschool.utah.edu detailing your request. Please include the chartfields and what % of the tuition should be charged to each one.
EXTENDED TUITION BENEFIT

If you’ve entered a chartfield to pay tuition for a student on extended TBP, you’ll see the chartfield underneath that student’s line on your report:

Note: Using xTBP does **not** impact a student's TBP term count.
FINANCIAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS

Minimum support levels for the 2020-21 academic year are:

Fall 2020:
- $7,950 per semester: 100% tuition benefit
- $5,962 per semester: 75% tuition benefit
- $3,975 per semester: 50% tuition benefit

** Due to covid-19, Fall 2020 rates will hold at a 0% increase over the prior academic year. Spring/Summer 2021 rates will be confirmed based upon future University Budget Guidance.
TBP AND XTBP REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Registration for TBP Eligibility: 9 credit hours throughout the semester in Fall/Spring, 3 in summer term.

TBP covers 24 credit hours annually, with a maximum of 12 in Fall/Spring semesters for all categories of students.

All categories of students can qualify for summer TBP, provided they have a qualifying assistantship in the summer, and have at least 3 credit hours remaining for the year. A student could potentially use 9 in Fall, 9 in Spring, 6 in summer for a total of 24.

Students may register for a maximum 16 semester hours but are responsible for tuition for hours exceeding 12 credits.
TBP AND XTBP ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, grad students must be:

- Full-time, matriculated
- Compensated through the University of Utah under an eligible job code
- Maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or above

Tuition Benefit covers:

- Regular tuition
- Mandatory fees
- There is no non-resident tuition for anyone on TBP or xTBP, except for RA’s who have reached 85 cumulative credit hours. The student is responsible for the nonresident tuition in those cases only.

Tuition benefit does not cover:

- Differential tuition charged by various university graduate and professional programs
- non-mandatory fees (special course fees, etc.)
- Repeated courses
- Undergraduate and noncredit courses
- Continuing Education courses
GRADUATE SUBSIDIZED HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (GSHIP)

Eligibility is the same as for TBP, requires 100% tuition benefit.

The plan is the same student plan that is available to all U students - only difference is the premium subsidy.

All payroll categories of students at 100% tbp are eligible (excluding GF, which is not paid on payroll). The department coordinator must check the insurance box in TBP data entry if you wish to offer insurance.
GRADUATE SUBSIDIZED HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (GSHIP)

The student portion of the GSHIP premium (20%) is billed to their tuition statement.

The other 80% of the premium is collected as an employer deduction on top of the student’s payroll. It is not deducted from their pay, it is **billed to the chartfield that they are paid from, on top of their payroll**.

This is a one-time deduction. You may see an encumbrance on your management report after the deduction occurs – that will drop off once the next payroll runs and the system sees that there is no recurring deduction.

Coverage periods for the subsidized plan follow the semester begin/end dates: **August 16 – December 31 (FALL), January 1 – August 15 (SPRING)**. Spring coverage includes summer term.

Student enrollment changes cannot be made after TBP data entry closes (census).