

FY24 Graduate Support Details

Self-paying students will be fully responsible for all their costs.

Students funded as GTAs, GRAs or GAs:

Stipends and Health Insurance

The **minimum** stipend levels in CEMS are:

	9 mo	12 mo
Master's	\$24,000	\$32,000
PhD	\$24,000	\$32,000

The fringe benefit rate is 7.4%. This rate covers 100% of the students' UVM individual health insurance policy.

All students are responsible for their comprehensive fee and GSS fee (currently \$1,018 + \$10/semester for full-time).

PhD students new to the university are given an additional \$500 scholarship for each of their first two semesters.

Internally (GTA [with teaching assignment] & GA [internally funded research assignment]) stipends are billed to the Responsibility Center (RC) budget.

Externally funded (GRA) stipends will be billed to the grant or gift funding the student.

Tuition Scholarship

The tuition scholarship for full time 9-month GTA position is 9 credits in the fall and spring semesters.

The tuition scholarship for a full time 12-month GRA is 9 credits in the fall and spring semesters and 5 credits in the summer term.

For externally funded students, all credits will be billed to the student at the appropriate in-state rate (\$678/SCH for FY24) or out-of-state rate (\$1720 for FY24). The tuition scholarship covering the student's expense will be billed to the college directly, but grants will be charged up to the amount equal to the cost of 9 credits at the in-state rate (\$6,102 in FY24) each semester that they are working on the sponsored project. Any remaining tuition balance will be an expense to the college.

Proposals with GRA positions are required to budget one of the following:

- 18 credits of academic year tuition at the in-state rate on grants that allow tuition charges. Currently that amount is \$12,204 (for FY24) and will change whenever per credit tuition costs change. All stipends will be budgeted for 12 months.
- 9 credits of academic year tuition at the in-state rate along with a half stipend over the academic year and a **full** stipend in the summer. The expectation is that this will only be used when there is an agreement that the student is supported on a GTA or internal GA for the other 50% of the academic year.

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The following outlines the tuition that will be fully covered by CEMS (and grants/gifts where applicable). Credits beyond these levels are for the student to fund.

	Appointment	Funding %	Fall	Spring	Summer
GTA	9 month	50	6	6	NA
	9 month	100	9	9	NA
GTA\GRA\GA	12 month	50	6	6	5
	12 month	100	9	9	5

A 50% funding for a GRA will only be permitted if it is paired with a 50% GTA position, and this will be treated as a fully-funded GRA with the award covering the equivalent cost six credits of scholarship per semester and the summer while the GTA covers the remaining three credits per semester during the academic year.

PhD students cannot be partially funded.

All fully-funded students must be registered for a minimum of 9 credits in fall and spring or the continuous graduate credit equivalent (GRAD 903).

There is no difference between the cost of coursework credits or research credits. There is a difference in cost when the student attains Continuous Registration status.

When a student reaches the continuous registration phase of their training (GRAD 902 for half-time or GRAD 903 for full time), the charge drops to \$200 for GRAD 902 and \$300 for GRAD 903. There is occasionally a transition period where a student must take a certain number of course or research credits in a given semester to reach the total required credits for the degree that are then "topped off" by GRAD 901 or GRAD 902 to reach at least 9 credits registration. Again, the grant would be charged first and the college the balance.

Predocctoral fellows supported on training grants or fellowships (individual or institutional) are expected to have the same minimum stipend as GTA/GRA/GA. If the source stipend is lower, it should be supplemented by Responsibility Center general fund (or other nonfederal source). This is additional salary not additional effort.

All tuition, fees, and health insurance allowed by the sponsoring source for training grants must be requested and expended (training grants often pay student fees, unlike research grants).

Predocctoral fellows receive the same tuition scholarship as GTA/GRA/GA so anything not covered by the fellowship is covered by the Responsibility Center.

The Responsibility Center for the predocctoral fellow's program pays the health insurance directly (if not an allowable cost on the fellowship) as there is no fringe rate on fellowships.

When a predocctoral fellowship includes a Cost of Education (COE) or other institutional allowance, but no other set categories (such as health insurance), the COE is distributed first to health insurance, then to the fellow's fees and the remainder to tuition. Also, the funding letter for the predocctoral fellow/trainee is different from that for a GRA. The expectation of a fellow is that they devote full -time effort and successfully complete their courses and research; this funding is not compensated effort to UVM.