Tuition Scholarship for Research Credits or Continuous Registration Fee for Graduate Students funded on Research Grants and Contracts

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Policy Statement

Graduate students funded on research grants and contracts are an important resource for the University’s overall research efforts. The work that they do on sponsored projects not only advances project goals, but it frequently provides the basis for the student’s individual thesis or dissertation. Recognizing the dual purposes of the research, the University provides tuition scholarship support to students funded on research grants and contracts.

General Policy

Graduate students are eligible for a tuition scholarship for thesis/dissertation credits or for the continuous registration fee during those semesters (including summer session) for which they are supported as Graduate Assistant on research grants and contracts awarded to and administered by UVM. To receive this scholarship, minimum stipend support levels and enrollment requirements must be met.

Specific conditions are the following:

1. Enrollment requirements: For fall or spring semesters, Graduate Assistants must be enrolled for a minimum of six and a maximum of ten credit hours (totals include both course work and thesis/dissertation research credit required for the degree), or for Continuous Registration. For summer session, Graduate Assistants may enroll for up to six research credits. Graduate Assistants who have completed all course and research credits required for their degree may not enroll for additional research credit and must enroll for Continuous Registration.

2. Stipend Support Levels: No scholarship will be paid for students funded for less than one full semester or three months summer appointment.

   a. Graduate Assistants whose stipend payments, net of any tuition due, match or exceed the base Graduate College stipend ($7,500 per semester and $5,000 summer for FY10) will be eligible for a tuition scholarship for the research credit portion of their enrollment (up to ten credits for fall/spring semesters and up to six credits for summer session).

   b. Graduate Assistants whose stipend payments, net of any tuition due, total at least one-half but less than the full base Graduate College stipend (at least $3,750 but less than $7,500 per semester and at least $2,500 but less than $5,000 summer for FY10) will be eligible for a tuition scholarship for up to five of the research credit portion of their enrollment for fall/spring semesters and up to three summer session research credits.
3. In order to receive the full scholarship the student must be appointed effective no later than September 1 for fall and January 16 for spring semester benefits, and June 1 for summer benefits.

4. Tuition scholarships for research credit for graduate students funded under research grant and contracts awarded to the University are not retroactive and may not be carried forward. They are available and apply only to research credit enrolled for during the period of funding as a Graduate Assistant.

5. If all doctoral degree course requirements have been satisfied, up to 3 credits for courses appropriate to the degree may be included within the semester limits for research credits. After the second year in the doctoral program, a one-credit seminar required for the doctoral degree may also be included within the 3 credits.

**Procedure**

Students must complete the Graduate Assistant Research Credit Application form, obtain the required signatures and budget numbers, and forward it to the Graduate College Office, 330 Waterman Building.

The form follows this policy and is also available from the Graduate College, or on the Graduate College website under Services, Forms and Policies.
Research Credit/Continuous Registration  
UVM Scholarship Application for Graduate Assistants

Student Name: ________________________________(Please print)

Student ID#: __________________ Program: ___________________

Funding Information:
Appointment Salary: $_____________ Title: _________________________

Start Date: _______________ End Date: _______________

Title of Grant: _______________________ Granting Agency: ___________________

UVM Combo Code: __________________ Provide UVM Chartstring below:

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Enrollment Information for Academic Year 20____ - 20____:
I am enrolled in the following:

Select Semester: Summer____ Fall____ Spring____

391 (Master’s Research) for _______ credits - or - 491 (Doctoral Research) for _______ credits

And Degree Required Coursework for _______ credits -or- Continuous Registration (GRAD900) _________

Student Signature: ____________________________________________

Principal Investigator of Sponsoring Grant or Contract:

________________________________ ______________________________
Signature Name (Please print)

Thesis/Dissertation Advisor: I certify that the student is making timely progress toward their degree and, if the student has requested payment for courses, that the student has completed all doctoral degree course requirements with the exception of 1-credit seminars.

________________________________ ______________________________
Signature Name (Please print)

Graduate College Use Only:
Approved Credits: ______________ Date: ______________ By: ___________________