

FY20 Graduate Support Details

(as of Jan. 1, 2019)

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 | \$18,000 | \$24,000 |
| PhD | \$20,475 | \$27,300 |

The benefit rate is 11.8%. This rate covers 100% of the students' UVM individual health insurance policy.

All students are responsible for their comprehensive fee and GSS fee (currently \$1,014 + \$10/semester for full-time).

New PhD students are given \$500 for each of their first two semesters to help defray the comprehensive and GSS fees.

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 funding the student.

Tuition Scholarship

The tuition scholarship for full time 9-month GTA position is 9 credits per semester.

The tuition scholarship for a full time 12-month GRA is 9 credits per semester and 5 credits in the summer.

For externally funded students, all credits will be billed to the student at the appropriate in-state (currently \$664/SCH for FY19) or out of state (currently \$1674 for FY19) rate. The tuition scholarship covering the student's expense will be billed to the college directly, but grants will be charged for the appropriate number of credits at the in-state rate and the remainder will be an expense to the college.

Effective March 1, 2019 new proposals are required to budget one of the following:

- 18 credits of academic year at the in-state rate on new grants that allow tuition charges. Currently that amount is \$11,952 (for FY19) and will change whenever tuition costs change. All stipends will be budgeted for 12 months.
- 9 credits of academic year 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.
- For fully over-headed external grants of duration 24 months or more with three years of GRA support (at 18 credits), CEMS will cost share 9 months (academic year) of GRA support (stipend and/or scholarship).

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CEMS will not sign a GRA graduate student appointment letter unless there is an identified funding source.

The following outlines the tuition that will be fully covered by CEMS (and grants 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 first 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 FY19) for GRAD 903. The grant budget would be charged that amount and the remainder re-budgeted by the PI for other purposes. 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 902 to reach at least 9 credits registration. Again, the grant would be charged first and the college the balance.