

Fellowships & Funding Thresholds

If your student has received an internal or external fellowship, please use the following guidelines to determine how the fellowship can be set-up and what it can pay. Remember, the following:

- 1 The **fellowship award letter and/or contract, agreement** is the first step in determining how, and on what costs, the funding needs to be disbursed. In rare instances, external fellowship funds are used to set-up a GRA.
- 2 **Out of State Waivers** must be requested (<https://grad.gatech.edu/out-state-waiver-requests>) and are capped by USG policy (e.g., no more than 140)
- 3 A fellowship student receiving an **Out of State Waiver**, or fellowship funds to pay tuition, are considered 'full fellowship' students.
- 4 A full fellowship student **cannot simultaneously be hired as a GRA/GTA** in any given semester, but you can use the 'hourly GA' hiring mechanism to supplement, or you can toggle back and forth between 'full fellowship' and GRA/GTA.
- 5 All fellowship students must be **enrolled full-time** for funds to be disbursed. Full-time enrollment is 12 hours with at least nine of those hours taken on a letter-grade or pass/fail basis.

If funding for one academic year (e.g., Fa, Sp, Su) is... Set-up as...

Up to ~\$10K	Topper	If the fellowship award is up to ~\$10,000 per academic year then the fellowship may be disbursed as a 'topper' or 'topping fellowship.' This level of funding can be combined with GRA, GTA or other full fellowship.
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If \$20K - \$30K and an Out of State Waiver (OOSW) is approved		If the fellowship award is somewhere between \$20K and \$30K and an Out of State Waiver is approved then funds can be used to pay reduced tuition and/or fees. No simultaneous GRA/GTA , but hourly GA hire can be used to pay a (supplemental) stipend.
\$	21,096.00 Tuition only with Out of State Waiver	
\$	26,351.40 Tuition with Out of State Waiver , mandatory fees, health insurance	

If \$40K - \$50K, Full tuition (OOSW is not needed, or not approved)		If the fellowship award is somewhere between \$40K and \$50K and an Out of State Waiver is not needed, or not approved, then funds can be used to pay full tuition and/or fees. No simultaneous GRA/GTA , but hourly GA hire can be used to pay a (supplemental) stipend.
\$	43,710.00 Full tuition (no OOSW)	
\$	45,969.00 Full tuition and mandatory fees only	
\$	48,965.40 Full tuition, mandatory fees & health insurance	

At least ~\$64K, an Out of State Waiver is approved and you'll pay a competitive stipend		Stipends rates vary. A fellowship student can earn more or equal to their peers. If possible, we recommend that a fellowship student does not earn less than her/his peers. For reference, the NSF GRFP annual stipend rate is \$37K and can be used as a benchmark. No simultaneous GRA/GTA.
\$	63,351.40 Tuition with Out of State Waiver , mandatory fees, health insurance, and \$37K stipend	

At least ~\$86K, Full tuition (OOSW is not needed, or not approved), and you'll pay a competitive stipend		If the fellowship award is up to ~\$86K, an Out of State Waiver is not needed, or not approved, then funds can be used to pay full tuition, mandatory fees, health insurance and a stipend. No simultaneous GRA/GTA.
\$	85,965.40 Full tuition, mandatory fees, health insurance, and \$37K stipend	

Up to ~\$100K	\$ 98,965.40 Full tuition, mandatory fees, health insurance, and rec. max. stipend of \$50K	Some fellowships have high award amounts. OOSWs are not used in these cases and we recommend a stipend of no more than \$50K annually. No simultaneous GRA/GTA.
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2023/2024 Tuition & Fee Rates

\$	14,570.00	Full graduate tuition*
\$	7,032.00	Graduate tuition* with Out of State Waiver
\$	753.00	Mandatory fees**
\$	1,252.69	Health Insurance Fall
\$	1,743.71	Health Insurance Spring/Summer
\$	37,000.00	Competitive annual stipend (~equal to NSF GRFP)***
\$	50,000.00	Recommended maximum stipend

*In some programs the tuition rates are higher, the above is based on the standard rates

**International Students have an additional \$100 fee

***Stipends vary, as do GRA rates. Average GRA is ~\$28K

Sometimes external 'fellowship' funding is used to hire a student as a GRA (as a supplement to an existing GRA).

- 1 Hire the student as a GRA, tuition remission (calculated as GRA monthly rate * \$1557) is charged to the grant.
- 2 Work with GT Bursar to have the external funds brought to GT, and create worktag
- 3 Utilize the **Fellowship Payment Request form process with Bursar & Financial Aid.**

\$	25.00	GRA tuition rate (except when tuition differential in place)
\$	753.00	Mandatory fees***
\$	303.48	GRA subsidized rate of health insurance (Fall)
\$	420.52	GRA subsidized rate of health insurance (Spring & Summer)
\$	3,058.00	Subtotal

- 4 You may use the remainder of external 'fellowship' funding in combination with the GRA payroll monthly payment with HR to bring this student equal to their peers.