

**2016-17****Graduate Assistantships "GA" Tuition Remission & Stipends**

For planning purposes, please anticipate the following for Spring 2016 and for 2016-17 academic year:

1. **FOR 2016-17** – **OVERALL UNIVERSITY FUNDING FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS IN PH.D. PROGRAMS WILL BE AT THE SAME LEVEL AS LAST YEAR** for Teaching, Instructional Support, and Research appointments.
2. **FOR 2016-17** -- **CONTINUING & ENTERING GRADUATE STUDENTS FUNDED BY EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS OR INDUSTRIAL FELLOWSHIPS:** The Graduate School will continue to fund tuition remission for all current graduate student recipients who remain academically eligible. Stipend awards must meet a minimum standard that can vary by program. The Office of Research Administration will work with programs to validate these minimum standards.
3. **FOR 2016-17** -- **CONTINUING Master's, Doctoral, & Ph.D. Degree Program Students:** All 2015-16 "GA" recipients funded by the Graduate School and classified as *Teaching, Instructional Support, Research, or Administrative* will continue to receive stipend and tuition remission for 2016-17 if their college/department elects to renew them for 2016-17 and the student remains academically eligible. The college/department must inform the Graduate School of tuition remission and stipend renewals for continuing students by contacting Manager of Graduate Student Financial Aid and Budgets Karen Caldwell at [klc@uakron.edu](mailto:klc@uakron.edu) on or before June 1, 2016.
4. **FOR SPRING 2016** -- **ENTERING GRADUATE STUDENTS FUNDED BY EXTERNAL GRANTS OR INDUSTRIAL FELLOWSHIPS:** The Graduate School will continue to fund tuition remission for Summer 2016 and Fall 2016 for graduate student recipients who remain academically eligible. Stipend awards must meet a minimum standard that can vary by program. The Office of Research Administration will work with programs to validate these minimum standards.
5. **STARTING IN FALL 2016** -- **GENERAL SERVICE FEE:** Note that the only fee impact for continuing graduate students is that, beginning in Fall 2016, the General Service Fee (currently \$16.45/credit hour and capped at 12 credits/semester -- a maximum of \$197.40) will no longer be covered by the Graduate School. This fee will be charged to the student or may be paid by a college or department sponsoring the assistantship.

**Further information on 2016-17 GA awards for ENTERING students in Master's degree programs and ENTERING students in Doctors of Audiology and Nursing Practice is anticipated to be released toward the first few weeks of the Spring 2016 Semester, pending further review and Graduate Council consultation.**

Thank you,

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