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**SUBJECT: TUITION WAIVERS AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP  
EDUCATION BENEFITS**

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- I. PURPOSE: To provide for the waiver of tuition and fees to graduate students enrolled in the University's Masters Degree Programs who are engaged in teaching and research activities.
- II. DEFINITIONS
- A. Tuition Waiver is an amount of assessed tuition allowed to be waived for a student at an educational institution to aid in the pursuit of studies. Waivers are awarded based on academic performance and scholarship and do not represent payment for services.
- B. Assistantship Payment is an amount paid for teaching and/or research services provided by the graduate student, is based on a compensation rate to be established by the academic department and is paid through payroll.
- III. POLICY:
- A. Graduate students enrolled in the University's Graduate Degree Programs may be awarded, at the discretion of the graduate program or academic department, graduate tuition waivers.
- B. The available graduate tuition waiver budget as determined by the administration is allocated to the Provost's Office, who in turn allocates amounts to the Enrollment Management Office and the various graduate programs.
- C. Waivers may be awarded each semester in full or fractional amounts.
- D. Application and selection procedures will be determined by the respective graduate programs and by Enrollment Management.
- E. Tuition waivers granted under this policy will be reported as required under State Board of Regents Policy R824, Tuition Remission Benefits.