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**SUBJECT: GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS EDUCATION BENEFITS**

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- I. PURPOSE: To establish guidelines for awarding graduate tuition waivers to graduate students enrolled in the University's Graduate Degree Programs and assistantships to those who are engaged in teaching and research activities.
  
- II. DEFINITIONS
  - A. Tuition Waiver is generally an amount allowed to, or for the benefit of, 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. Assistantships are payment for teaching and/or research services provided by the graduate student and will be paid based on an hourly rate to be established by the academic department.
  
- 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 Enrollment Management Office and the Provost's Office, who in turn, allocates its share to 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 graduate programs and by Enrollment Management, for the budget amounts awarded to them, respectively.
  
  - E. Tuition waivers granted under this policy will be reported as required under State Board of Regents Policy R824, Tuition Remission Benefits.
  
  - F. Graduate students who are engaged to perform teaching and research activities must be compensated through an assistantship paid through hourly payroll.