



SAM Procedures Tuition for Externally-Supported Graduate Assistants

These procedures are in effect beginning with the Fall 2003 semester for all graduate assistantships including those which are funded by external awards (*i.e.* grants/ contracts/cooperative agreements) and those funded under Graduate Student Work Experience agreements.

1. Departments will request in-state tuition appropriate for the student's discipline when requesting support for a graduate assistant on an externally-funded project, unless sponsor policy prohibits use of the funds for tuition. See <http://www.sc.edu/bursar/schedule.html> for current tuition figures.
2. If the Sponsor cannot/will not provide funds for the graduate assistant's tuition, the tuition must be paid by the student and/or the department. If the department is providing a tuition supplement in such a case, this fact should be noted on the Remarks section of the SAM processing form.
3. All graduate assistants enrolled for a minimum of six (6) credit hours during Fall or Spring semester (1 credit hour during Summer sessions), working a minimum of ten (10) hours per week, and paid a salary at least at the minimum stipend level established by the Graduate school will qualify for the in-state tuition rate appropriate for their discipline.

It should be noted that, if the Sponsor does not pay tuition and the department does not provide a tuition supplement, the student will be responsible for the entire amount of in-state tuition rather than the reduced tuition amount that was available in prior years.