

Graduate student assistantships.**(A) Financial assistance.**

- (1) The ~~university~~ graduate school awards a number of graduate assistantships to qualified students. Graduate school funded assistantships are awarded for up to two years of master's study, up to five years of doctoral degree study, and up to five years of master's/doctoral degree study. No student will receive an assistantship for more than five years. ~~Assistantships are awarded for up to two years of master's study and up to four years of doctoral degree study.~~ A graduate assistant renders service to the university through teaching, research and other duties. For information and/or applications, the student should contact the head of the department. Tuition scholarships are also available on a limited basis in some departments.
- (2) Section 3345.281 of the Revised Code requires that each state university establish a program to assess oral English language proficiency of teaching assistants providing classroom instruction to students. The university of Akron has adopted such a program, to ensure that teaching assistants who are not orally proficient in the English language will attain necessary proficiency prior to providing classroom instruction to students. For further information with regard to this program, applicants are advised to contact the graduate school of the university of Akron.
- (3) A number of fellowships sponsored by industry and government agencies are available in some departments. For information, the student should contact the head of the department.
- (4) Information about student loans can be obtained from the office of student financial aid.

(B) Scholarship for tuition and fees.

The university shall provide a scholarship for graduate instructional fees, non-resident surcharge, general fee, and partial payment of a parking permit, for student campus lots, during each semester or summer session of award period. Scholarships are not provided for audit, undergraduate courses, administrative fees, facilities fees, general service fees, or technology fees. For graduate scholarships ~~awarded~~ awarded after the start of the semester or summer session the following will apply:

Scholarships that begin after the start of a semester or summer session will be reduced on a pro rata percentage of the number of weeks remaining in the semester/session.

Examples:

- (1) If the scholarship was awarded during the third week of a sixteen-week semester, the scholarship value would be thirteen-sixteenths or eighty-one per cent of the fees required in that semester.
- (2) If the scholarship was awarded during the third week of a five-week summer session, the scholarship value would be two-fifths or forty per cent of the fees required in that summer session.

(C) Repayment of graduate scholarships upon resignation.

The graduate scholarship recipient is not required to repay any scholarship award if he or she withdraws from all classes at the time of resignation. However, if he or she continues as an enrolled graduate student at the university of Akron after resignation from the scholarship award, then he or she must repay the scholarship based on a percentage of the number of weeks remaining in the semester or summer session.

Examples:

- (1) If the student resigns in the ninth week of a sixteen-week semester, the repayment will be seven-sixteenths or forty-four per cent of the fees required in that semester.
- (2) If the student resigns in the second week of a five-week summer session, the repayment will be three-fifths or sixty per cent of the fees required in that summer session.

(D) Important stipulations:

- (1) If the graduate scholarship recipient drops below the minimum required graduate credits at any time during the contract period, the scholarship is forfeited.
- (2) No refunds will be made to any student for tuition and fees paid prior to the receipt of this scholarship.

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