D. Tuition Waivers

Graduate students who have been awarded a one-half-time (0.50) FTE or more assistantship may qualify for waivers of the resident or nonresident tuition, subject to the following conditions:

- **Residency requirement:** Students must reside in the State of Washington to qualify for a resident or nonresident tuition waiver, as per RCW 28B. 15.014.
- **Nonresident tuition waivers for new students:** Newly admitted students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents but not Washington State residents are eligible to receive a nonresident tuition waiver for up to one year. To avoid nonresident tuition costs, students should establish residency by the beginning of their second year, as described in Graduate School guidance.
- **International students**: International students are provided a nonresident tuition waiver throughout their academic career.
- **Appointment duration:** To qualify for the nonresident or resident tuition waiver, appointments must be for the entire semester or the full academic year. If an ASE cancels enrollment during the semester, they will lose all tuition waivers and be responsible for paying full tuition. In special circumstances, a request may be made for the student to retain a prorated portion of the tuition waiver, depending on the waiver type. Such requests should be submitted via a GRM exception request.
- **Mandatory fees and partial tuition:** Waivers do not cover mandatory graduate student fees. Graduate students on an assistantship are responsible for paying the mandatory student fees each semester and a small portion of the tuition that is not waived. Article 22 of the WSU-UAW Contract provides additional information about fees and tuition waivers. For students on a half-time assistantship with full waivers, the current semester's amount can be found at Faculty and Staff Resources.
- **Special scholar programs:** Students participating in special scholar programs (e.g., Fulbright) in which the Graduate School grants tuition waivers must be approved by the vice provost for graduate and professional education.
- **Summer tuition waivers:** The Graduate School does not provide tuition waivers during the summer. However, graduate students on summer assistantships may qualify for a teaching assistantship (TA) tuition waiver through the Summer Session Program or a qualified tuition reduction (QTR) through a non-state-funded assistantship appointment.