

Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Agriculture and Life Sciences

Policy for Graduate Student Stipend and Tuition – March 2010

Effective immediately, all grants and contracts that provide graduate student stipends are required, as long as it is allowed by the granting agency, to provide the full graduate tuition for PhD and MFA students and (at a minimum) 50% of the graduate tuition for MA/MS students. ISU has a policy that all qualified graduate students on stipends will receive graduate tuition scholarships. These scholarships are 100% of tuition for students working toward a terminal degree (PhD and MFA) and 50% for students working towards a masters degree. In the past with grant-funded students, the colleges provided half of this scholarship. Due to the very large increases in grant funding and the substantial losses in state support, CALS and LAS no longer can provide this tuition scholarship support. The colleges will continue to provide tuition scholarships for one-half time teaching assistants (100% for PhD and MFA students and 50% for A/MS students) and for students providing significant service to the department in support of teaching. Assistantships funded by agencies/sponsors that do not allow tuition payments must be pre-approved by the college prior to submitting a grant through OSPA. All other criteria as to qualifications, length of support, minimum GPA, etc. are unchanged.

Full tuition must be included in all grant applications as of April 1, 2010. The colleges will continue to supply their portion of tuition for students who are receiving stipends from grants that were awarded under the old policy until June 30, 2011.

CALS Implementation Guidelines – Revised May 2010

1. Proposals being submitted to agencies that do not allow tuition costs must have the required tuition scholarship source accounts approved for funding by the college prior to submission of the proposal.
2. For existing graduate students on grants that do not or did not pay tuition scholarships, continuation of CALS scholarships will be need-based. Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Decisions to continue will be based on the grant circumstances and the ability of the major professor to combine grant funds with state funds.