Frequent Asked Questions (FAQs) About Tuition Fellowships

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**Question 1:** Who are eligible for the tuition fellowships offered by the graduate school?

**Answer:** Non-Alabama resident graduate assistants may receive a waiver of the out-of-state portion of their tuition if they are on at least a 33 percent (i.e., 33%) graduate assistantship and are paid a minimum monthly stipend set each year by the provost. Such graduate assistants who have been on assistantship for consecutive fall and spring semesters are eligible to have the out-of-state portion of their tuition waived for the summer semester whether or not they are on assistantship that semester. Graduate students will need to contact the Graduate School to have this waiver applied (see also [1]).

**Question 2:** What is the maximum credit hours covered by the graduate school’s tuition fellowships?

**Answer:** Auburn University funded in-state tuition support will be limited to 110% of the number of hours required for a graduate degree. If you are a doctoral student, the maximum credit hours paid by your tuition fellowship is 72 (i.e., 66*110%=72) [2]. If you are a Master’s student, then the tuition fellowship will cover a maximum of 33 for MS thesis option (i.e., 30*11%) or 36 for MS non-thesis option (i.e., 33*110%=36) [2].

**Question 3:** How many credit hours will be covered by the tuition fellowship if I pursue both the Master’s and Ph.D. degree in Auburn?

**Answer:** If you pursue both the Master’s and Ph.D. degrees in Auburn, the maximum credit hours covered by the tuition fellowship is either 105 or 108, depending your Master’s degree option. Specifically, if you pursue the MS thesis option along with the Ph.D. degree, the maximum credit hours covered by the tuition fellowship will be 105 (i.e., 33+72). For students seeking the MS (non-thesis) degree coupled with the Ph.D. degree, the maximum number of credit hours paid by the tuition fellowship becomes 108 (i.e., 36+72).

**Question 4:** How to track my university-paid tuition record? (New)
Answer: The Graduate Tuition Fellowship System (GTUFS) shows you (1) the number of hours taken toward their degree as of the current semester, (2) the number of hours allowed under the tuition waiver, and (3) the number of tuition hours remaining to be covered by the waiver. The system indicates the number of credit hours to be covered by the tuition fellowship in the future semesters.

GTUFS: http://graduate.auburn.edu/current-students/guidelines-for-graduate-tuition-fellowships/

You may follow the steps below to access GTUFS:

- Log-In to AU Access
- Click-on the Student Menu option of the My Academics tab.
- On the “Student” tab, click Graduate Tuition Fellowship System (GTUFS).

Question 5: What happens if I exceed the tuition fellowship limit?
Answer: Exceptions to the limit must be provided with justification of the academic need and demonstration of good stewardship of the support already provided. The exception request must be approved by the dean of the graduate school [2].

References

[1] Tuition Waiver Policy for Graduate Assistantships and Fellowships: https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/TuitionWaiverPolicyforGraduateAssistantshipsandFellowships.pdf

[2] Tuition Fellowship Program Policy
https://sites.auburn.edu/admin/universitypolicies/Policies/TuitionFellowshipProgramPolicy.pdf