



Graduate Student Tuition Remission



Graduate students participating in research projects may receive a reasonable amount of support (tuition remission and other support) based on the student's participation in a sponsored project.

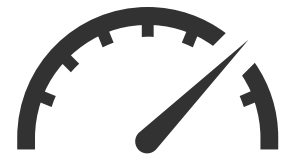


Tuition remission is considered an allowable direct charge for most sponsors, provided that:

1. the student is conducting activities necessary to the sponsored agreement;
2. tuition remission is consistently provided in a like manner to students in return for similar activities conducted in non-sponsored as well as sponsored activities; and
3. during the academic period, the student is enrolled in an advanced degree program at USC, and the activities of the student in relation to the sponsored project are also related to the degree program in which the student is enrolled.

Is there a cap to the amount of tuition remission available?

The NIH has established a funding cap that limits the amount it awards for a combination of graduate student salary and tuition remission. This cap is determined through reference to the National Research Service Award (NRSA) stipend in effect at the time the grant award is issued. The cap in effect at the time the proposal is submitted applies to the entire life of the competitive segment of the project. Current NRSA levels are posted at <https://researchtraining.nih.gov/programs/training-grants>.



Contact the Office of Ethics & Compliance at compliance@usc.edu if you have any questions.

