

FACULTY SENATE ISSUE FORM
Date Submitted: April 3, 2019
Title of Issue (a short descriptive title by which the issue may be referenced)
Updated Proposed Revisions to the Graduate Tuition Grant/Waiver Policy
Description of Issue: The Graduate School recommends additional editorial revisions to this policy in order to satisfy reporting guidelines requested by state auditors. Approval of the revisions is pending with the Graduate Administrators' Council and the Deans' Council.
Rationale for Submission: The latest revisions to the policy indicate who in a college's hierarchy (graduate program director, chair and dean or designee) approves the awarding of tuition grants and/or waivers.
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Department: Academic Affairs
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Tuition Grants

Tuition grants are scholarships disbursed through the Office of Financial Aid and/or the Old Dominion University Research Foundation that are earmarked specifically for payment of tuition. They may be offered to regular or provisional degree-seeking graduate students who are enrolled full- or part-time. Tuition grants may be combined with other forms of scholarship or fellowship support. The decision to award a grant, including the amount, is made by the graduate program director in consultation with the chair and the dean or designee of the college. Students holding tuition grants who withdraw from courses may be held personally liable for repayment of funds utilized.

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