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Directors of Graduate Studies and Departmental Financial Staff

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Share with the appropriate people in your department and ensure that tuition waiver requests are submitted before the deadline: **5:00 PM, May 29, 2026.**

DETAILS:

Departments are invited to submit tuition waiver requests in GradStatus for graduate students eligible for a tuition waiver for **Summer 2026** beginning **Wednesday, April 1, 2026.**

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR SUMMER 2026:

DPAS waivers that were entered during **Fall 2025** for graduate students on assistantship **with no changes in GradStatus** will be **automatically applied** to the student's account for Summer 2026.

All other waivers, as well as **any DPAS waivers that were updated or altered during Spring 2026**, must be re-submitted on the student's behalf.

Students are eligible for a tuition waiver during the summer semester if they meet one of the following conditions:

1. **SUMMER SEMESTER:** *Students working at least 13 hours as a graduate assistant and enrolled for at least 9 graduate credit hours during the summer semester.*
2. **PRECEDING YEAR:** *Students who have held an assistantship of at least 13 working hours during both the fall and spring semesters of the current fiscal year. Additionally, the student must have been enrolled for at least 12 graduate credit hours each semester.*
3. **SPLIT YEAR:** *Students working at least 13 hours as a graduate assistant in the current spring semester who also present acceptable evidence of employment working at least 13 hours as a graduate assistant during the upcoming fall semester. The student must enroll for 12 graduate credit hours for both semesters.*

We anticipate a high volume of requests; therefore, **we will not accept** email requests. All requests must be submitted through *GradStatus*.

If you do not have access to *GradStatus*, please complete the new [GradStatus Access Request Form](#). You will need your UGA MyID, 81X Number, and a list of departments for which you will need access in *GradStatus*.

You can find “how to” instructions in our new [knowledge base](#), including information on [how to submit a tuition waiver in GradStatus](#).

Per the [**Tuition Waiver Policy**](#): Graduate Assistants receiving a tuition waiver are expected to work for the entire semester and maintain full-time registration, which is a minimum of 12 graduate credit hours for fall/spring and 9 graduate credit hours for summer. Audit and undergraduate credit hours do not count toward this requirement.

The system is available for you to begin requesting waiver codes for graduate students now, and you are encouraged to do so as early as possible. Please enter one of the following codes for each student:

- **DPAS:** Students supported on a departmental assistantship.
- **RIAS:** Students supported on an assistantship, but their tuition is paid from a sponsored project rather than being waived (Participant of the GTRIP program).
- **RIAT:** Students supported on a training grant, but their tuition is paid from a sponsored project rather than being waived (Participant of the GTRIP program).
- **GRFL:** Students paid from a graduate fellowship stipend.
- **GRTG (Not Frequently Used):** Students paid on a training grant who are non-GTRIP participants.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Log into GradStatus at: [**https://gradstatus.uga.edu/Forms/G104**](https://gradstatus.uga.edu/Forms/G104)
- Complete the Waiver Request Form for **Summer 2026**.
- Select the appropriate summer eligibility condition on the form*.

*If you select the “Summer Semester” condition, you will need to enter the assistantship start and end dates.

If you receive an error message or have any questions, please contact the Graduate School Business Office at [**gradfinance@uga.edu**](mailto:gradfinance@uga.edu) for assistance.