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Directors of Graduate Studies and Departmental Financial Staff

Recommended Action:

Share with the appropriate people in your department and make sure that tuition waiver requests are submitted before the deadline: **August 12, 2026**.

Details:

We invite departments to submit tuition waiver requests in GradStatus for all graduate assistants who will be supported on an assistantship for Fall 2026. (***Note: Waiver codes will not roll forward from FY 2026.***)

The system is available for you to begin requesting waiver codes for graduate students today, **Monday, July 6, 2026**.

Requesting Tuition Waivers: Before submitting tuition waiver requests, please review the attached ***Guidelines for Entering Tuition Waivers*** document for information on departmental responsibility for entering waiver requests in GradStatus, including procedures for assistantships funded by multiple departments or by a department other than the student's academic department.

To request a tuition waiver for graduate assistants for Fall 2026, please log into GradStatus; <https://gradstatus.uga.edu/Forms/G104>

The Tuition Waiver Policy can be reviewed [here](#). Please enter one of the following codes for each student:

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

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Departments are required to reference a chartstring in GradStatus or use the checkbox option to indicate whether Graduate Assistants' Mandatory Student Health Insurance

subsidies should be charged to the same chartstrings as their salaries for UGA to account for the subsidy portion of the student health insurance.

For more details on student health insurance and premium subsidies, please visit the relevant section on the University Human Resources' [website](#). For questions, contact HR at gshiplan@uga.edu or 706-542-2222.

Because our office will have a very short window to audit over 4,000 waiver codes, we must adhere to the deadline strictly.

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, 8iX 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](#). This knowledge base is brand new, and additional resources will be added in the coming months.

If you receive an error message when you attempt to log in, email gradfinance@uga.edu for assistance.