



PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors

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POLICY 1983-09-A: *Graduate Assistant Stipends*

See Also:

Adopted: June 20, 1983

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April 9, 2015

A. Background

System universities have long made excellent use of graduate assistants to enhance both the quality of graduate education and to assist faculty in the discharge of their responsibilities. Prior policy under the State College and University Board of Directors, § 157.50, enabled the President, with approval of the Trustees, to waive tuition of graduate assistants. Subsequent adoption of Board of Governors Policy 1983-18-A, *Waiver of Fees*, continues the authorization of fee waiver for graduate assistants. The policy herein serves to clarify the maximum amount of stipend that a graduate assistant may receive.

B. Purpose and Scope

To establish the method by which the stipend of graduate assistants may be set by each university without annual action of the Board of Governors.

C. Policy

The stipend for doctoral graduate assistants shall not exceed one-half of the Instructor Pay Step 1 Pay Range Q01 salary. Stipends for all other graduate assistants shall not exceed 40 percent of the Instructor Pay Step 1 Pay Range Q01 salary.