

## [Gradsup] FOURTH UPDATE - Proportional Funding Split for Graduate Tuition & Remission

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The Graduate Division would like to thank our campus partners for their patience and input on the Graduate Student Funding Reform efforts that launched in 2019. As you know, one element of the reform is the proportional distribution of the cost of tuition and fees, beginning in Fall 2021. The goal of this part of the reform is to ensure that external awards, grants, and individual instructional appointments are contributing appropriately to the student's tuition and fees. The current allowance in which GSR appointments of less than 25% have no associated tuition and fee cost is unsustainable as it over-taxes the centralized TAHI/TAFE pool. We simply cannot afford to continue under the current model.

[As previously shared](#), in this initial phase (2021-2022), only employment-based sources of support (IA (Instructional Assistant) and GSR appointments) will be subject to proportional cost distribution. Proportional cost distribution for fellowships (including departmental stipends) will be delayed until further notice, pending the design and implementation of the new [SIS](#).

To make it easier to determine which populations fall under the Graduate Student Funding Reform and which fees are mandated to be covered for these populations, we have created [this decision tree](#). For more detail, we have created a [one-page summary version](#) of what proportional tuition and fee payment entails and for which populations and under what circumstances it will be in effect. The mandated fees, based on the factors in the decision tree, are the ones that will then be subject to proportional split.

For the 21-22 academic year, proportionality will apply only to employment. This will be an automated calculation based on appointment percentage for each unique appointment/fund source combination. The appointments included in this automated calculation are IA and GSR title codes. Because the calculation is automated, we do not anticipate that there will be additional workload associated with tuition and fee entry into the graduate Financial Support Request Tool by graduate coordinators. To assist coordinators with entries into the FSRT, we have created a [FAQ: FSRT Entries Proportional Split](#) collab page (which will be updated regularly as new information is available).

**The immediate need is for tuition and fee remission requests to be updated in the [Financial Support Request Tool](#). The tool has been updated for the 21-22 academic year and is ready for your input - please take action as soon as possible.**

We will be updating the [Graduate Student Funding Policy & Reforms](#) collab page with answers to commonly asked questions regularly. You can [watch this page](#) to be notified dynamically of any updates.

As with many challenging circumstances over the past year and a half, we appreciate your patience

and partnership. This will be an ongoing, iterative process as we come ever closer to meeting the goals of the Graduate Student Funding Reform. We actively need your partnership to accomplish this, and are committed to doing what we can to minimize the burden and maximize the effectiveness of the reform efforts, which we hope will improve the overall student experience for all of our graduate and professional students.

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