

The Graduate School Grant-In-Aid (GIA) Incentive Program

Purpose: The Grant-in-Aid Incentive Program is intended to provide faculty with a mechanism by which to leverage extramural funds. As resources allow, the Graduate School will consider requests for tuition grant-in-aids to match stipends derived from external grants and contracts that prohibit tuition as an allowable expense.

Criteria for Matching Consideration:

The following conditions must be met for matching arrangements to be considered:

- Stipend support to be matched must be derived from externally funded grants or contracts that provide for some indirect cost recovery.
- Sponsor guidelines must verify that tuition is not an allowable expense.
- Sponsored funding must provide a full stipend level of support (at minimum, commensurate with the grade level and percentage FTE of college sponsored assistantships) and the graduate assistant fringe.
- Students must be registered as full-time students and taking classes commensurate with the requirements for a graduate assistantship during the semesters of tuition GIA support. Doctoral students in ABD status and registering for 601 are not eligible for GIA support under this program.

Submission of Requests for GIA matching funds:

Requests should include the following:

- a completed application form (attached) including all required signatures
- a copy of each of the following:
 - body of the proposal submitted to the sponsor
 - sponsor's funding "terms and conditions," with information regarding allowable budget expenses
 - proposal budget page

Deadline: Submissions will be considered on a rolling basis, as funding is available each fiscal year. Principal investigators are encouraged to submit requests for GIA matching funds prior to submission of the grant/contract proposal, in order to confirm eligibility of request and availability of GIA matching funds. There is no guarantee that funding will be available after any project is approved for funding by the sponsor, if a request for GIA matching support has not been made to the Graduate School prior to submission of the proposal. Multiple year contracts will be considered depending upon resources available and partnering by the college. Requests and inquiries must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration, 313 Kern Graduate Building, University Park, 16802.

**Grant-In-Aid (GIA) Incentive Program
 Application Form**

Sponsoring Agency Information:

Name (Agency, Foundation, etc.): _____

Amount of funding per student per semester for stipend support: _____

Duration of sponsor funding: _____

Total number of students to be supported and number of semesters of stipend support per student:

Total No. of semesters of tuition GIA support requested¹: _____

¹(Note – Students must be registered as full-time students and taking classes commensurate with the requirements for a graduate assistantship during the semesters of tuition GIA support. Doctoral students in ABD status and registering for 601 are not eligible for GIA support under this program.)

Request for GIA Matching:

I certify the following (please check all that apply):

- The stipend support to be matched is derived from externally funded grants or contracts that provide for some indirect cost recovery.
- The sponsor guidelines stipulate that tuition is not an allowable expense (attach relevant section of sponsor guidelines).
- The sponsored funding provides a full stipend level of support (at minimum, commensurate with the grade level and percentage FTE of college sponsored assistantships) and the graduate assistant fringe.

Faculty Member Requesting GIA Matching Support Name (Print or Type)	Signature	Date
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Student(s) Information (if known at time of application):

Name: _____ PSU student ID: _____

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College Approval:

Associate Dean for Graduate Studies Name (Print or Type)	Signature	Date
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Graduate School Approvals:

Office of Graduate Fellowships and Awards Administration Recommendation: Approve Deny

Regina Vasilatos-Younken, Sr. Associate Dean of the Graduate School	Signature	Date
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