



# Tuition and Fees Payment Mandate



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# Background

- 2005 – tuition payment for GAs -- university mandate
- 2011 – tuition payment for PhD GAs -- university revised mandate
- Fees continue to represent a significant cost for PhD GAs. Faculty and graduate students call for expansion of mandate
- FY20, university allocated
  - Approximately \$2.5 million dollars in one time transition funds
  - \$4 million in base funds to pay fees for PhD graduate assistants (GATs and GALs) who support the teaching mission of the university.
- FY21,
  - tuition and required university and select college fees payment – university mandate will be expanded
- **To advance university efforts to fully support PhD students and,**
- **To attract the best graduate students to advance graduate education and research**

# Revised Mandate

## PhD students initially enrolled in Summer/Fall 2020 and beyond

- Resident Tuition, Required University Fees<sup>1</sup>, and Required College Fees<sup>1</sup>
- for PhD GATs (Graduate Assistant Teaching), GARs (Graduate Assistant Research), and GALs (Graduate Assistant Lecturers)
- paid at least through their 5th year of study -- for students admitted without a master's degree; and at least through their 4th year of study -- for students admitted with a master's degree.

[1] Definitions will be provided in guidelines document

# Grandfathering

- PhD students admitted without a master's degree and initial PhD enrollment between Fall 2016 to Spring 2020; and
- PhD students admitted with a master's degree and initial PhD enrollment between Fall 2017 to Spring 2020
  - Resident Tuition, Required University Fees, and Required College Fees
  - for PhD GATs, GARs, and GALs
  - paid at least through their 5th year of study -- for students admitted without a master's degree; and at least through their 4th year of study -- for students admitted with a master's degree

# Tuition & Fees Payment

- PhD GATs and GALs adloc'd to academic departments
  - Central pool funds
- PhD GARs funded from
  - Internal accounts (select TAMU state accounts)
  - External grants & contracts
    - SRS has been including tuition and fees in proposal budgets where the granting agency permits payment of tuition and fees
    - College/Dept/Faculty funds -- where the granting agency **does not** permit payment of some or all tuition and fees

- Limited bridge funds will be available in FY21 and FY22
  - to assist with payment of required university fees for PhD GARs funded by proposals for external grants and contracts submitted before January 1, 2020
  - *where the granting agency permits payment of required fees and which did not include funds to cover university required fees for funded PhD GARs [should be very limited]*
  - *where the granting agency does not permit payment of some or all required fees.*
- Guidelines for requesting bridge funds will be released by June 1, 2020.

# Open Discussions

- AgriLife state-funded GARs
- School of Public Health
- College of Architecture
- TAMU Galveston



# QUESTIONS?

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