



Overview

This resource outlines the essential requirements for budgeting Graduate Research Assistant (GA) support on grant proposals in accordance with [NOT-OD-26-044](#): Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Stipends, Tuition/Fees and Other Budgetary Levels Effective for Fiscal Year 2026.

The maximum graduate student compensation for NIH proposals and awards is \$63,480.

Important

Tuition should always be included in the budget unless the sponsoring agency explicitly prohibits it.

Including Graduate Assistants on Grant Proposals

When preparing a grant proposal that includes support for Graduate Research Assistants (GAs), it is crucial to budget for all associated costs accurately.

Key Budget Components

Salary/Wages: The direct compensation for the GA's work on the project.

Fringe Benefits: Standard benefit rates applicable to the GA's appointment.

Tuition: A proportional amount for tuition must be included in the budget.

Proportional Cost Allocation: Salary, fringe benefits, and tuition must each be charged to the grant in direct proportion to the percentage of effort the GA dedicates to the sponsored project.

Finding Current Tuition Rates

The university's Board of Governors approves tuition and fee rates annually. These rates can vary significantly based on the student's school, campus, and specific program. To ensure your proposal budget is accurate, please consult the official university schedules for the current academic year.

University-wide Rates

Refer to the main [Tuition & Fees Rates](#) page for comprehensive schedules.

- [Rutgers Graduate School - New Brunswick](#)
- [Rutgers Graduate Student Tuition and Fees - Newark](#)
- [Rutgers Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences \(GSBS\) - New Brunswick/Piscataway](#)
- [Rutgers Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences \(GSBS\) - Newark](#)