

**Section:** Tuition

**Policy Number:** 3-3

**Policy Name:** Federally funded Graduate Fellows; Graduate Tuition Scholarships--College of Engineering Students

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## **I. PURPOSE**

To allow for consistent treatment of graduate tuition scholarships and stipends for College of Engineering students receiving prestigious Federal Agency Fellowships such as NSF and GAAN.

## **II. POLICY**

The fellow shall receive a full tuition scholarship. When department policy dictates that the fellow be offered a stipend amount in excess of what is provided by the federal award, an amount, determined through a calculation (described below), will be returned to the advising faculty.

## **III. TUITION COSTS**

National Science Foundation Fellowships include a mandatory Cost of Education (COE) Allowance in the budget. The cost of education allowance budgeted in the fellowship will be applied to the tuition charges and the College of Engineering will fund the tuition costs in excess of the Fellowship budget (in accordance with policy 3-2).

## **IV. STIPEND**

In some academic departments, the Fellow, over the duration of this fellowship award, is provided a stipend that is higher than the standard departmental stipend. In such a case, the 'bonus' or increased stipend will be funded by the faculty.

## **V. OTHER COSTS**

A portion of certain basic costs included in the expense allocations to the College budget are based on graduate students head count. These costs must be met by the college and will be included in the total analysis of the cost of a graduate student.

## **VI. FACULTY SHARE**

College of Engineering faculty advising NSF Fellows who are paid more than the budgeted Fellow stipend (augmented stipend) will receive an amount, returned to them for discretionary use, and to offset the additional stipend paid to the student LESS the non-College tuition payment (in accordance with College policy 3-2). **In all cases, the amount returned to the faculty discretionary fund will be the lesser of the following: (1) 50% of Cost of Education less the fees & the tuition scholarship paid by PI OR (2) the amount by which the stipend was augmented.**

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Illustrative Examples:

**Example A:** A faculty member advising an NSF Fellow who is paid a stipend of \$30,000 with an augmented stipend of \$5,000 would receive 50% of Cost of Education returned for discretionary use *after* the College of Engineering allocated costs and student fees are paid.

In this case:

30,000 (stipend) + 5,000 (augment) = \$35,000 stipend

12,000 (Cost of Education Allowance)

-787 (fees)

- 3,471 (Tuition scholarship funded by PI/Advisor)

7,741 (Remaining amount of Cost of Education Allowance to be distributed between faculty and College of Engineering)

Since 50% of remaining amount (\$7,741), which is \$3,870, is LOWER than the amount by which the stipend was augmented (\$5000), the advising faculty receives \$3,870.

**Example B:** A faculty member advising an NSF Fellow who is paid a stipend of \$30,000 with an augmented stipend of \$2,000 would receive only the amount remaining after the College of Engineering allocated costs and student fees are paid. In this case:

30,000 (stipend) + 2,000 (augment) = \$32,000 stipend

12,000 (Cost of Education Allowance)

-757 (fees)

- 3,060 (Tuition scholarship funded by PI)

8,183 (Remaining amount of Cost of Education Allowance for faculty share)

Therefore—since 50% of remaining amount is 4,092, which is HIGHER than the amount by which the stipend was augmented, the advising faculty receives \$2,000.

## VII. LOGISTICS AND TIMING

The Dean and CFAO must be informed when this incentive is to be invoked. Proper commitment worksheets will be prepared and the funds will be provided after the College receives the Cost of Education funds and the tuition transactions are complete.

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