

Summer 2008 Tuition Subsidy and Internship Rate for Graduate Students

The summer tuition subsidy plan, in effect since 1999, has been developed to reduce the cost of a graduate student to a research grant, and to improve the quality of faculty life. It is not intended to enable growth in the size of graduate programs, or to lengthen the time to a degree.

Graduate students who are enrolled in a research degree program, and who are not taking courses, will have their summer tuition subsidized (that is, paid from other Institute sources). Candidates for professional degrees will be charged tuition if registered for the summer.

The following rules apply:

- New graduate students, or continuing graduate students in normal resident status during the preceding spring term, who register only for thesis or pre-thesis research credit in the summer term will be eligible for a tuition subsidy from Institute general funds. Each department has created special pre-thesis research subject(s) that are recognized as eligible for the subsidy *. In Physics, for example, the subjects 8.391 or 8.392 ("Special Problems in Physics") qualify as pre-thesis subjects, and are therefore eligible for the subsidy.
- Graduate students who register for any summer subject other than those recognized by the Registrar as thesis or pre-thesis research subjects (*) will be charged tuition on a per unit basis up to the maximum tuition. Tuition for such subjects may not be charged to research grants.

* If you have questions about the subjects that currently qualify as thesis or pre-thesis for your department, please consult Joan Flessner-Filzen of the MIT Registrar's Office, 3-4228, jlfilzen@mit.edu.

- Graduate students registered in professional programs will pay tuition at the rate established for their particular programs. These programs, as defined by the Provost's Office, are MBA, SDM, Sloan Fellows, MOT, M.Eng. (except those with off-campus internship components), CRE, ASP, and SM12 Geosystems.
- Beginning in Summer 2002 (and in subsequent Fall and Spring terms), an intern tuition rate will apply to students registered exclusively (no additional MIT subjects) for structured off-campus internships. This tuition rate (35% of the term's tuition) currently applies to Materials Science M.Eng (off campus option), EECS VI-A and VI-PA, Chemical Engineering Practice, the Program in Science Writing, and LFM Programs.

The following scenarios provide guidance on the operation of the subsidy:

Question 1:

What is the tuition charge for a graduate student in a non-professional course who registers for thesis only for the Summer?

The student will be charged full tuition (\$12,045). The tuition charge will be fully subsidized from Institute general funds.

Question 2:

What is the tuition charge for a graduate student in one of the professional programs (as defined by the Provost's Office)?

Students registered in professional programs during the summer will be charged full tuition, whether taking subjects, or thesis, or both. These programs are not eligible for the tuition subsidy.

Question 3:

What is the tuition charge for a student in a non-professional course who enrolls for thesis plus a subject that is not designated as "thesis" or "pre-thesis"?

Tuition will be charged on a per-unit basis (@ \$380 per unit) for all units of registration, up to the maximum charge of \$12,045. This charge will not be subsidized.

Question 3a:

What happens if the student in question #3 drops the subject that is not designated as "thesis" or "pre-thesis"?

The student will be charged full tuition of \$12,045. Since the student will now only be enrolled in thesis-related subjects, **the he or she will now be eligible for the 100% subsidy.**

Question 3b:

What happens in the opposite case – that is, the student in question #3 drops the subject designated as "thesis" or "pre-thesis"?

The student will be charged on a per unit basis (@ \$380 per unit) for **all units of registration**, up to the maximum charge of \$12,045.

Question 4:

What happens when a graduate student in a non-professional course (who has been registered in the previous Spring Term) registers for thesis and submits the thesis early in the summer?

The student will initially be charged full summer tuition (\$12,045). Upon completion of the thesis (and departmental notification to the Registrar), the tuition charge will be

reduced to the appropriate level as indicated on the pro-ration chart, as included in the recently distributed Schedule of Fees. The subsidy will cover the amount of the pro-rated tuition. In these cases, the tuition will be 100% subsidized.

The Account Counselors in Student Financial Services run monthly reports that will identify tuition changes, and they will make a corresponding adjustment in the subsidy using MITSIS. Letting them know of an expected adjustment would be appreciated.

Using MITSIS, SFS Account Counselors will enter the ID number on the RPAAWRD screen. The following information should be plugged into the fields in the Awards Block, to reflect the appropriate NEW subsidy amount (which can be adjusted up or down).

Fund Column: TU2008
Stat (for Status): ACTUAL
Offered: 12045 – or whatever the NEW tuition amount is
Commit (Shift F6)

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Question 5:

If tuition is subsidized, can the student still receive a Graduate Appointment?

Yes, students may receive a STIPEND ONLY research assistantship or fellowship.

In the cases of students who are readmitted for the summer term, and are returning to complete a masters level or doctoral thesis over the summer, the \$18,195 (MS) or \$27,110 (DOC) tuition charge is NOT subsidized, and the tuition CANNOT be charged to a research account. If this student does not complete the thesis over the summer, the tuition charge will revert to full summer tuition, which may be subsidized.