

Tuition Waiver Policy for interdisciplinary graduate programs in the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies (CGIS)

This policy applies to students pursuing a Master of Science (M.S.) or Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in any of the five interdisciplinary graduate programs housed in CGIS.

- Discipline-Based Education Research (DBER)
- Cellular and Molecular Biology (CMB)
- Environmental and Conservation Sciences (ECS)
- Genomics, Phenomics and Bioinformatics (GPB)
- Materials and Nanotechnology (MNT)

All CGIS students

- Only graduate students on a full-time (20 hours/week) graduate assistantship are eligible to receive CGIS Interdisciplinary Graduate Program tuition waivers.
 - Full-time graduate assistants holding an F-1 visa are eligible to receive tuition waivers if their sponsoring country does not pay for their tuition.
 - National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program fellows are not eligible to receive tuition waivers during the semesters that they receive a cost of education allowance.
- All domestic and international graduate students will be assessed at the graduate assistant base tuition rate. The tuition waiver covers the base tuition only.
- Students who reach their credit cap and need time to finish the master's paper, thesis or dissertation, will not receive a waiver. Instead, they can register for a fee-based, 898 Continuing Enrollment course; students will be required to pay a fee of \$150.00 per credit.
 - Master's student may enroll in one consecutive academic year of Continuing Enrollment. Doctoral students may enroll in two consecutive academic years of Continuing Enrollment.
 - Student's holding an F-1 or J-1 visa may not be eligible for the 898 credits. Contact your international advisor for full details.

Ph.D. students (DBER, CMB, ECS, GPB, MNT)

- During the summer semester, if the student registered for a combined total of 18 credits during the fall/spring semesters, summer registration is optional. If the student registered for fewer than 18 credits, summer registration is required.
 - Summer tuition waivers will cover a maximum of 6 credits.
 - While Ph.D. students may enroll in more than 6 credits during the summer semester, the tuition waiver will not apply to any additional credits.
 - Additional credits will be charged to the student at the graduate assistant tuition rate.

- Students holding an F-1 visa are not required to register for a minimum credit load during the summer. Some exceptions may apply. Contact your international advisor for full details.
- Ph.D. students that receive a tuition waiver may only have a maximum of 96 credits waived for the entirety of their graduate degree program. Ph.D. students may enroll for additional credits beyond the 96-credit degree limit, but the tuition waiver will not apply to any credits over 96.
- Ph.D. students that have made adequate progress in their primary degree program and, would like to build additional interdisciplinary skills with extra coursework (and will exceed 96 credits) must complete a Special Request form to ask for an exception to the waiver policy. The Special Request must be approved prior to registration.

M.S. students (ECS and GPB programs)

- During the summer semester, tuition waivers will cover a maximum of 6 credits.
 - While master's students may enroll in more than 6 credits during the summer semester, the tuition waiver will not apply to any additional credits.
 - Additional credits will be charged to the student at the graduate assistant tuition rate.
 - Students holding an F-1 visa are not required to register for a minimum credit load during the summer. Some exceptions may apply. Contact your international advisor for full details.
- Master's students that receive a tuition waiver may only have a maximum of 36 credits waived for the entirety of their graduate degree program. Master's students may enroll for additional credits beyond the 36-credit degree limit, but the tuition waiver will not apply to any credits over 36.
 - M.S. students may enroll for additional credits beyond the credit limit, but the tuition waiver will not apply to any credits over the program's credit limit.