

Tuition Charge Policy

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Effective July 1, 2016, the term “curriculum fees” will become obsolete. A graduate students tuition and curriculum fees will be combined and called tuition. A portion of the average graduate tuition will be charged to research awards at UMass Amherst as a non-overhead-bearing direct cost. The Tuition charge is the payment of tuition expense as part of compensation to students performing necessary work on federal research awards [Office of Management and Budget Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR §200) (“Uniform Guidance”)]. Unlike salaries and wages, tuition waivers must be excluded from the application of indirect costs [Uniform Guidance §200.466]. Remission for tuition and fees will be recorded in account code 786910 “Tuition/Fees Benefit”.

Prior to July 1, 2016, grants had been charged a curriculum fee waiver for research assistants whose salaries were paid from grants. This policy had been instituted in FY2001. See the attached Graduate Fee Waiver Charge Policy and Procedure. In FY2007, the actual curriculum fee increased dramatically and the campus implemented a policy whereby the annual curriculum fee waiver increase accessed to grants and auxiliaries was capped at a 5% annual increase.