Policy Group	Graduate Studies	Policy Number	ACA-GRA-04	
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POLICY
Graduate Student Financial Support

1. Purpose

This policy defines the financial support structures provided to post-baccalaureate students at Zayed University.

2. Application

This policy applies to financial support of eligible Zayed University post-baccalaureate students. All awards are subject to the approval of the Vice-President based on the recommendation of the Provost.

3. Policy

In addition to external financial awards, Zayed University offers limited financial support for registered students in its post-baccalaureate programs in the form of scholarships, assistantships. A scholarship is a non-service award made to graduate students to assist in the pursuit of an advanced degree. An assistantship is an appointment to specified compensated teaching and/or research duties.

3.1 Graduate Merit Scholarships

Zayed University provides Graduate Merit Scholarships to attract highly qualified students for study leading to a master's degree. These scholarships are awarded to graduate students on the basis of academic merit as determined from academic performance in senior baccalaureate courses. All entering graduate students who receive regular admission to a Zayed University master's program are eligible for this award.

3.2 ZU Alumni Graduate Scholarships

Zayed University alumni who receive regular admission to a Zayed University master's program are eligible for a scholarship.

3.3 Graduate Teaching, Research and Administrative Assistantships

Qualified graduate students may be eligible for limited and competitive assistantship support on part-time basis while studying full-time.

3.3.1 Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA)

Graduate students holding a GTA will assist faculty by performing specified teaching or teaching-related duties which may include classroom instruction, laboratory assistance, provision of tutorials and help/review sessions, developing teaching materials, proctoring examinations, and limited grading responsibilities.

3.3.2 Graduate Research Assistantship (GRA)

Graduate students holding a GRA will assist ZU faculty in carrying out funded faculty-led research. GRA responsibilities include but are not limited to conducting literature reviews, collection of primary research data, data logging, management, and analysis.

3.3.3 Graduate Administrative Assistantship (GAA)

Graduate students holding a GAA will be assigned to assist in administrative or academic units of the university by performing duties related to the administrative functions of their unit.

3.4 Tuition Discount for Sponsored Students

Students who enroll in graduate programs as a group and are sponsored by an external entity may qualify for a discount on their tuition fees according to an agreement between the sponsor and Zayed University.

3.5 Tuition Assistance for ZU Employees

Limited and competitive opportunities for tuition assistance is available to qualified Zayed University employees who wish to pursue their graduate degrees at ZU that would support their career development.

4. Related Policies and Laws

SUP-HR-42 Education Privilege Benefit for UAE National Employees
SUP-HR-75 Professional Development for Staff Appointments
ACA-FAC-42 Faculty Assistant Program for UAE Nationals

5. Administration

This policy will be administered by the Deanship of Graduate Studies.

6. Revision History

Date	Revision
10 June 2022	President's Decision issued (PD#61 of 2022).
26 April 2022	Approved by the University Council (Meeting #2 of 2022).
28 February 2022	Endorsed by the Academic Council.
14 February 2022	Endorsed by the Provost's Council.
3 February 2022	Added criteria for eligibility for merit scholarship (3.1).
12 May 2020	Non-substantive change: added External Distribution.
1 October 2019	Non-substantive changes: updated the policy numbers.
11 June 2019	Approved by the President (PD#17 of 2019).
16 June 2015	New Policy approved by the University Council.