...Leveraging an Institutional Program

Generating Funding for Ph.D. Student Support – Innovative Approaches....

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1. Voluntary Tuition Incentive Program for Research Grants

**Objective:** To increase doctoral enrollments as part of the university’s goal to increase both graduate and professional student enrollment.

**Mechanism:** For each graduate assistant (GRA) who receives full time, in-state graduate tuition from a sponsored research grant or external contract,

- 1.5 times the university’s base tuition rate will be returned to the department of the principal investigator to cover an assistantship for another doctoral student.

- There is no limit on the number of RIAS returns per research grant/contract. **These funds must be deployed within one year of receipt.**
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On February 19, 2015, the UGA Provost’s Office announced that faculty and their units have the opportunity to receive funds in the amount of 150% of all graduate tuition included on extramural grants.

Opportunity: *Act together as a college* to grow our graduate student population by providing nationally competitive and consistent support for students from recruitment through degree completion.
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Recruitment packages with:
• Firm GTA Offers
• "Fellowship-like" GRA Offers

- College GTA Pool for student training and GRA assessment
- College GRA Fellows

Faculty student support to initiate new projects, augment existing projects, bridge between projects & degree completion

Transformative for our graduate and research programs

Outcome: Increased research, PhD and MS production
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Beginning April 1, 2016, the College of Engineering required that tuition be included in all grants that fund graduate students through extramural sponsored research.

Funds \((1.5 \times \text{tuition collected})\) returned to the college from the Provost’s Office will be disbursed as follows:

- 1/2 of the funds will be returned to the faculty member for their use in the targeted support of graduate students in their programs.
- 1/2 of the funds will be returned to the Office of Academic Programs to create a graduate assistant pool in the college.
Outcomes to Date

Challenges

- Limited Time for Expenditure
- Claim Process Overhead
- Exclusion of MS Students