

## **A Partial Explanation of *Tuition Rates* at Oregon State University (OSU)**

The State of Oregon provides approximately 20% of the funds needed to support student activities at OSU. The other 80% of needed funding is derived from tuition, fees, and other charges. This is an atypical level of state support on a national level.

Tuition rates differ between the undergraduate and graduate level and among academic units on campus. Some units, by their nature, have higher expense levels, i.e. programs with many lab and other hands-on classes and those with certification programs. The College of Ag does not charge a higher tuition level but does have many classes that have lab and travel fees associated with the class. 2015-16 per term tuition and fee rates are given below (full time tuition - 15 credits/term undergraduate, 9 credits/term graduate):

- *Undergraduate*
  - Tuition - \$2845 resident; \$9065 non-resident (example of higher rate - Engineering = \$3610 resident; \$2905 resident in 2016-17, no change in non-resident)
  - Fees – \$524.11 (to \$550.31 in 2016-17)
  - Books and supplies, room and board, personal and miscellaneous estimated to be \$5000
  - A one-time Matriculation Fee of \$350 is assessed to all new and transfer undergraduate
  
- *Graduate*
  - Tuition – \$4050 resident; \$6984 non-resident (example of higher rate - Engineering = \$4545 resident; non-resident to \$7263 in 2016-17, resident unchanged)
  - Fees – \$524.11 (to \$550.31 in 2016-17)
  - Books and supplies, room and board, personal and miscellaneous estimated to be \$5500
  - A one-time Matriculation Fee of \$350 is assessed to all new and transfer graduate students

Commissions would rarely, if ever, see a budget request for undergraduate tuition. Undergrads have a number of financial aid options available to them. Establishing a student scholarship endowment may be a request that comes to you but would be outside contract funds routed through ARF. Endowments are the preveue of the OSU Foundation.

Each OSU College has funds allocated to it from OSU central administration to provide tuition remissions for some graduate students. Only a moderate percentage of the students in a particular unit will have access to tuition remission. An agreement exists in the College of Agricultural Sciences that if a faculty member requests Graduate Research Assistant (GRA) salary funds from a commission in a proposal and their unit leader approves that proposal, then tuition remission will be granted for that student by the faculty members unit. Historically only 0.20 FTE of a GRA had to be funded with commission funds to secure a full unit remission. Many units are now requiring that a full 0.49 FTE GRA be funded. Current 0.49 FTE GRA minimum salary and insurance rates are \$26,236 for MS students (\$22,844 salary + \$3392 medical insurance) and \$27,153 for PhD students (\$23,761 + \$3392).

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