

## MOU: TUITION WAIVER FOR PhD STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

### I. DEFINITIONS

**Tuition:** These are funds collected by a university to offset the cost of educating students. Tuition is set by the university in consultation with the schools and programs, and publicly available in the OHSU FEE BOOK published by the registrar. Tuition is charged by credits enrolled each term.

**Tuition waiver:** The amount of tuition paid by the School of Medicine. Often called a 'waiver' for students, these are amounts covered from the SOM budget and represent a loss to the School of Medicine.

- II. **HISTORY OF TUITION COLLECTION IN THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (SOM):** There has not been an agreement to waive tuition, although historically the SOM has done so for the majority of PhD students. In response to a 2006 faculty committee, charged with increasing revenue for graduate programs, the Dean of the SOM (Dr Mark Richardson) began collecting a portion of tuition from grants, and waiving the remainder. In 2007, the amount collected was *either* \$500/term, or, if the student was supported by a training grant or fellowship or foundation that includes tuition in the budget, the full amount of allowable tuition on the grant was collected. Tuition above these amounts was waived by the School of Medicine. Starting in FY 2022, the SOM exempted tuition above 1 credit/term. Starting in FY 2023 waived and exempted tuition above 1.5 credits/term.

### III. CHANGE IN COLLECTION OF TUITION STARTING FIRST DAY OF FALL TERM, 2024:

The School of Medicine will collect a minimum of **the cost of 1.5 credits of tuition (at the rate listed annually in the Registrar's OHSU FEE Book)** or, if the student was supported by a training grant or fellowship or foundation that includes tuition in the budget, the full amount of allowable tuition on the grant is collected. Tuition above these amounts will be waived by the School of Medicine.

*Examples: A full time student; registered for 14 credits (average credit amount) has a tuition bill of \$11,285/term.*

- a. *If supported by faculty research grants, the faculty mentor covers \$1,225 /term (according to the 2023-2024 credit cost in the OHSU FEE BOOK), and the SOM covers the remaining \$10,060 /term.*
- b. *If supported by a training grant or fellowship that includes a budget for 60% of the actual tuition level at the applicant institution, up to \$16,000 per year, the grant/fellowship is charged \$4,000/term and the SOM covers \$7,285/term.*

### IV. ELIGIBILITY FOR TUITION WAIVER FROM THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE; FALL TERM 2024 through end SUMMER TERM 2025

The SOM tuition waiver is available to PhD students who are (all conditions must apply):

- a. enrolled full-time in a PhD program within the School of Medicine or enrolled as a PhD student in the MD/PhD program
- b. receiving a stipend as described in the School of Medicine Graduate Student Stipend Policy
- c. conducting research with a mentor who holds a primary appointment at OHSU and is a member of the School of Medicine Graduate Faculty
- d. conducting research in an OHSU (including the VA) funded laboratory

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