SIU Graduate School
Graduate Scholarship Program
Guidelines

The purpose of the Graduate Scholarship Program (GSP) is to provide a 1/3 tuition waiver *to academically outstanding graduate students who have been admitted into their first semester of a graduate program for the remainder of that academic year*. A student awarded the GSP receives the scholarship for the academic year in which they are admitted, however, an application must be completed and submitted **each semester** of the awarded academic year. The student must be selected by the academic department based on outstanding academic performance. Departments must submit their list of three eligible student names by email to the Assistantship Office by April 15 of each year, for the award to begin the following fall semester.

(*If your department doesn't have approved hours, please send your written request to the Interim Dean of the Graduate School to be added.*)

*Note: Please check with academic program BEFORE applying. Some programs may limit the number of tuition waivers awarded.

The GSP provides a tuition waiver for 1/3 of the student's credit hours in the first year. The maximum amount of credit hours the tuition waiver will cover is 15 hours for fall and spring and 9 hours for summer. For the fall or spring semester, if the student is registered for:

- 9-11 graduate credit hours, they will receive a 3-hour scholarship
- 12-14 graduate credit hours, they will receive a 4-hour scholarship
- 15+ graduate credit hours, they will receive a 5-hour scholarship

For the summer semester, if the student is registered for:

- 6+ graduate credit hours, they will receive a 3-hour scholarship
  This scholarship award will be posted to the student's account.

Eligibility Criteria
Graduate students who have been admitted into their first semester of a graduate program are eligible for the GSP. Recipients must be enrolled for a minimum of 9 graduate credit hours for fall and spring semesters, and 6 graduate credit hours for summer semester. If the student is already receiving payment of tuition from another source, they are not eligible.

Application Procedure
The application must be completed and signed by the student's academic department. The Draft Registration Compliance Statement on the application must be signed by the student. If a student is awarded the GSP, an application must be completed and submitted **each semester** of the awarded academic year.

Deadlines
- Fall Semester – August 25
- Spring Semester – January 5
- Summer Session – May 1