

Ball State University

Policy on Externally Funded Graduate Assistantships

Effective: March 1, 2010

Ball State University encourages the funding of graduate assistantships from external agencies. The following policy governs the funding pathways and the indirect costs recovery pertaining to externally funded graduate assistantships.

1. Graduate assistantships contained within a larger external grant proposal are subject to all of the pathways and indirect cost recovery policies as the overall proposal mandates.
2. The funding of graduate assistantships from external organizations for external work, or independent research activities (non-departmental activities) will be treated as an external grant through the clearance sheet process.

NOT-FOR-PROFIT SPONSORS

1. If the funding is from a **not-for-profit sponsor**, then the clearance sheet must include proof or declaration of not-for-profit status.
2. The amount of the graduate stipend will be commensurate with the normal departmental/unit funding as per the position description for the duties of the student. The duties of the graduate student will be outlined in the scope of work in the SPA proposal process. The agency grant funds will include the graduate stipend plus all indirect costs recovery, on the stipend only, normally allowed by the agency. Documentation of indirect cost recovery is required as per standard SPA policies. Normal tuition waiver request procedures apply.
3. This policy may be used for either full or half assistantship, with respectively full or half tuition waiver granted by Ball State University.
4. The awards may be annual or by semester or summer.
5. Recovered indirect costs will be distributed to the colleges, departments, and principal investigators according to existing SPA guidelines.

FOR-PROFIT SPONSORS

1. The amount of the graduate stipend will be commensurate with the normal departmental/unit funding as per the position description for the duties of the student. The duties of the graduate student will be outlined in the scope of work in the SPA proposal process. **The agency will pay in-state tuition for any student in any term.** The agency grant funds will include the graduate stipend plus 24% indirect costs recovery on the stipend only if the work is performed off-campus. **If the student does more than 50% of the work on the BSU campus, the sponsor will be charged the full 42.1% rate on the stipend.**
2. This policy may be used for either full or half assistantship. The awards may be annual or by semester or summer.
3. Recovered indirect costs will be distributed to the colleges, departments, and principal investigators according to existing SPA guidelines.