



## UArizona NASA Space Grant Graduate Fellowship Cost-Share FAQ

The UArizona/NASA Space Grant Program, in collaboration with the UArizona Graduate College and the applicant's nominating department, funds six graduate fellowships per year.

Graduate Fellowships are for one year, and can be renewed for a second year with sufficient evidence of effort exerted toward meeting an outreach program goal. Awards include a \$16,000 stipend, full in- or out-of-state tuition and registration fees waivers, student health insurance, and a travel grant of \$750 to attend professional conferences per year. Though totals vary based on individual circumstances, 2020 fellowship awards ranged in value from \$21,670-\$51,837.

These awards are funded with Space Grant and UArizona Graduate College monies, plus a required department cost-share. Specifically, **Space Grant provides:** \$10,000 stipend, out-of-state tuition waiver, and student health insurance. **Departments provide:** \$6,000 stipend, in-state tuition/registration fee waiver, and \$750/year travel funds. An example of cost-share for Fall 2021 is listed below (<https://tuitioncalculator.fso.arizona.edu/#/>)

Out-of-State Graduate Tuition & Fees Fall 2021				In-State Graduate Tuition & Fees Fall 2021			
Units	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Total	Units	Tuition	Mandatory Fees	Total
1 unit	\$1,794.00	\$119.12	\$1,913.12	1 unit	\$865.00	\$119.12	\$984.12
2 units	\$3,588.00	\$203.62	\$3,791.62	2 units	\$1,730.00	\$203.62	\$1,933.62
3 units	\$5,382.00	\$288.12	\$5,670.12	3 units	\$2,595.00	\$288.12	\$2,883.12
4 units	\$7,176.00	\$372.62	\$7,548.62	4 units	\$3,460.00	\$372.62	\$3,832.62
5 units	\$8,970.00	\$457.12	\$9,427.12	5 units	\$4,325.00	\$457.12	\$4,782.12
6 units	\$10,764.00	\$541.62	\$11,305.62	6 units	\$5,190.00	\$541.62	\$5,731.62
7 units	\$12,558.00	\$666.87	\$13,224.87	7+ units	<b>\$6,053.00</b>	<b>\$666.87</b>	<b>\$6,719.87</b>
8 units	\$14,352.00	\$666.87	\$15,018.87				
9+ units	<b>\$16,145.00</b>	<b>\$666.87</b>	<b>\$16,811.87</b>				

Using the charts above, in Fall 2021, the **UArizona Space Grant Fellowship covered \$10,092** in out-of-state tuition costs for non-resident awardees taking 9+ units. The Fellow's **home department covered \$6,053** of in-state tuition costs, and the **Fellow covered \$666.87** in mandatory fees.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

- *Can a department fulfill their cost sharing requirements for the student through a Teaching Assistant (TA) or Research Assistant (RA) position?* Yes, however, Fellows need to be made aware / clearly understand that their \$6k department stipend is being *included* in their TA/RA wage.
- *Can the department's cost sharing requirement be paid with other federal funds?* Yes.
  - *Can the graduate fellow hold other awards/federal awards at the same time?* Yes, the UArizona NASA Space Grant Program does not restrict Fellows from accepting other federal/non-federal awards. However, Space Grant is a federally funded program and other federally-funded grants may not allow this overlap.
- *When will Space Grant load and disburse the health insurance award?* An amount equal to Fall (4.5 months) health insurance costs will be disbursed at the beginning of the Fall semester; Spring and Summer (7.5 months) insurance funds will be disbursed at the beginning of the Spring semester. Students are responsible for enrolling in health insurance.
- *As a TA/RA, this student's health insurance is covered. Can the NASA Space Grant health insurance funds instead be used to cover the department's required travel funds (\$750) cost share?* No, these NASA Space Grant funds are earmarked for health insurance only.
  - *Can Space Grant health insurance funds be used to purchase dental or vision insurance?* Unfortunately, the NASA Space Grant is only able to provide health insurance awards for UArizona premium health insurance.
- *How is the \$10,000 Space Grant stipend distributed?* The \$10,000 Space Grant-portion of the student's stipend will be divided between the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. At the beginning of the Fall semester, \$8,000 will be loaded into the student's Bursar account. \$4,000 will be disbursed via this account at the beginning of the Fall semester; \$4,000 will be disbursed at the beginning of the Spring semester; and an additional \$2,000 will be loaded and disbursed at the start of the Summer semester. We recommend students enroll in direct deposit to receive these awards. If a graduate fellow plans to graduate in May of the award year, there is a possibility that the \$2,000 summer funds can be released early if the fellowship project is completed or if work on the project continues over summer. Students must contact [macoe@arizona.edu](mailto:macoe@arizona.edu) to receive early disbursement of summer funds.
- *Who is responsible for payment of the UArizona fees/tuition beyond what is covered by this fellowship?* The student is responsible for these fees.