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**Subject:** Voluntary Incentive Program to Increase Graduate Research Assistantships

**TO:** Vice Presidents, Deans, Department Heads, and Directors

**FROM:** Pamela Whitten, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

**RE:** Voluntary Incentive Program to Increase Graduate Research Assistantships

In recognition that UGA needs to enact bold steps to increase the number of Ph.D. students at the University, my office is introducing a voluntary incentive program to create more graduate research assistantships and grow doctoral programs. I am pleased to announce a new funding model for Ph.D. graduate assistantships that will give back revenue to grant-funded investigators and their departments.

For research grants that include the cost of full-time in-state tuition for graduate research assistant(s) in the funded award, the University will return 1.5 times the tuition funds to the Principal Investigator's home department. These funds will cover the cost of an assistantship for additional Ph.D. student(s). The university's portion of any new assistantship's cost of benefits would also be covered centrally by UGA.

This funding arrangement will be provided for every semester that a research grant pays a GRA's tuition. The returned funds should be redeployed within one year to support additional student(s) in the department's Ph.D. program.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the Office of Academic Fiscal Affairs at (706) 583-0337.

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