

Approval of Graduate Candidacy Tuition Rate

FINANCE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

April 29, 2024

To recognize the largely independent nature of doctoral students who have completed two years of course work, passed their preliminary exam, and are engaged in research and dissertation efforts, the Board of Visitors approved a lower tuition rate for research and dissertation hours for students in this status in March 2021. Candidacy Status is conferred upon application to and certification by the Graduate School that a student has completed two years of course work and passed their preliminary exam. This rate does not apply to executive graduate programs. The current candidacy status rates are discounted 10% from standard graduate tuition as affirmed by the Board of Visitors at the April 2024 meeting.

A reduced tuition rate for Candidacy Status is intended to incentivize time-to-degree for Ph.D. students, minimize the cost to research programs, and better position the university within the competitive market. As an incentive to graduate, the rate is available for a maximum of two years for full-time students and the rate will be automatically applied in the next semester after the Graduate School affirms a student's candidacy status. To further advance these goals and support the Virginia Tech Global Distinction initiative, the university proposes to increase the candidacy status discount from 10% to 15% for 2024-25. The university is planning for this change in the 2024-25 budget development process.

The 2024-25 proposed Candidacy Status academic year rates are below.

	2024-25 BOV Approved Candidacy Status Rate	2024-25 Proposed Candidacy Status Rate	Rate Decrease
Discount from standard Graduate Tuition Rates	-10%	-15%	
Graduate Resident Blacksburg	\$14,191	\$13,403	(\$788)
Graduate Nonresident Blacksburg	28,521	26,937	(1,584)
Graduate Resident Extended Campus	15,701	14,829	(872)
Graduate Nonresident Extended Campus	30,526	28,830	(1,696)

RECOMMENDATION:

The board approves the Graduate Candidacy tuition rate as recommended effective Fall semester 2024.

June 11, 2024

APPROVAL OF GRADUATE CANDIDACY STATUS TUITION RATE

TIM HODGE, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR
BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLANNING

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PH.D. CANDIDACY STATUS BACKGROUND

Students who have completed two years of course work and passed their preliminary exam

Current Candidacy Status Discount is 10% from Regular graduate tuition rates approved by BOV in March 2021

Reduced rate for Candidacy Status is intended to:

- Incentivize time-to-degree
- Minimize the cost to research programs
- Better position the university within the competitive market

Recognizes largely independent nature of these students' work

Supports Global Distinction initiative





Ph.D. Candidacy Status Tuition Rate Recommendation

Attachment GG

Increase discount from 10% to 15%

Automatically apply in next semester

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