

Graduate Residential Scholars Program

Boise State University

The Graduate Residential Scholars Program (GRSP) provides an enriched residential experience for graduate students at Boise State University. Scholars are part of a graduate residential community of highly capable full-time students representing diverse academic disciplines and personal backgrounds. Although the program is aimed primarily at new students, awards are also made to continuing students to provide the program with flexibility.

Terms of Award

To be eligible for the GRSP an applicant must also have a full graduate assistantship or fellowship that meets or exceeds the university's minimum academic year stipend (currently \$8,952 for master's students and \$9,739 for doctoral students) plus tuition and fee waivers for a full-time academic load during fall and spring semesters. Students obtain this funding through their home academic department (e.g, as teaching assistants) or through grants awarded to them or to faculty members. Prospective scholars are encouraged to contact their graduate program coordinator to ascertain the availability of such support (see *Contacts* below).

Waiver of Tuition and Fees

Resident tuition and fees (applicable to all students) for full-time attendance during fall and spring semesters are paid by the home academic department awarding the assistantship or fellowship. The home academic department also pays for student health insurance fees. Non-resident tuition is waived for international students and residents of states other than Idaho. The value of tuition and fee waivers is approximately \$8,000 per academic year for Idaho residents and \$17,250 per academic year for non-residents..

Rent-Free Residence

The scholars live in a 20-person graduate residential community consisting of 10 two-person duplexes located at the east end of campus, near the Engineering buildings. Each scholar has his or her own bedroom for the academic year (approximately 10 months, August – May). Individuals may apply for a second year in the program. Awards will not extend beyond a second year.

Scholars must comply with all university regulations governing the use of university housing. Pets are not allowed. Please note that the Graduate Residential Scholars Program cannot accommodate couples or children.

A duplex includes two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen (refrigerator, full-size range, and dishwasher), washer/dryer, living area, cable TV hookup, and basic furniture (beds, desks, tables, chairs, and couch). Each duplex also has high-speed internet. All rent and basic utilities are covered by the award except for long-distance telephone. Students supply food, cooking and eating utensils, towels, and linens.

Summer

Students may retain their room during the summer months of June and July: a) at the end of their award if they have not graduated, or b) between their first and second years in the program if they apply for and are awarded a second year. However, summer months are not covered by the GRSP award and students must arrange a rental agreement directly with University Housing.

Duration and Renewal of Award

A GRSP award is for the academic year, which is approximately 10 months. Students may re-apply for a second year of support, which is contingent upon satisfactory progress toward the degree and continued receipt of a qualifying graduate assistantship or fellowship. A student may leave the program by notifying the Graduate College office and Housing (see *Contacts*, below). A student may be removed from the program if he/she loses his/her stipend and/or tuition/fee waiver or fails to meet University academic or behavioral standards, as outlined in the University's Statement of Shared Values, found at <http://www.boisestate.edu/osrr/sosv/info.html>.

Enrollment Requirements

Scholars must be full-time graduate students (at least 9 credits but no more than 12 credits per semester for fall and spring semesters).

Application

Beginning with the applicant pool for the Fall 2011 GRSP openings, individual graduate programs will select their own GRSP awardees. Students interested in the GRSP are encouraged to check with their program coordinator (see *Contacts* below) by February 1 to inquire whether the graduate program is participating in the GRSP. If the answer is affirmative, they should ask to be considered for one of the program's GRSP positions.

Recipients of GRSP awards will be notified of their selection sometime after late March.

Contacts

Graduate Program Coordinators

A list of names of graduate program coordinators can be found here: <http://registrar.boisestate.edu/catalogs/gr2010-2011/degrees-offered.pdf>. Their contact information can be found by searching the faculty/staff directory here: <http://www.boisestate.edu/directory/search/index.asp>, by visiting the program's homepage: <http://www.boisestate.edu/gradcoll/0003.html>, or by calling Graduate Admission and Degree Services at 208-426-3903 or toll-free nationwide 800-824-7017.

Housing

Please direct housing questions to Mr. Kelly Weak, Guest Services Manager for University Housing, at kweak@boisestate.edu or 208-447-1023.

Associate Graduate Dean

Please direct GRSP questions to Dr. Alfred Dufty, Associate Dean of the Graduate College, at adufty@boisestate.edu or 208-426-3263.