



Rules and Guidelines for Marquette University Graduate School Financial Aid: Assistantships ADDENDUM

Health Insurance

Eligible graduate assistants will have policy premiums paid by the University for individual coverage under the United Healthcare health insurance plan made available to graduate and professional students through the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU), up to a maximum Plan benefit of \$15,000. Graduate assistants who are required to work at least 20 hours per week, who receive a minimum stipend of at least \$13,200 for a ten-month academic year, and who receive at least 18 credit hours in tuition scholarship for the academic year will receive offer letters from the Graduate School that will specify their entitlement to have the Plan premiums paid by the University. In addition, graduate assistants who are required to work at least 10 hours per week, who receive a minimum stipend of at least \$6,600 for a ten-month academic year, and who receive at least nine credit hours in scholarship for the academic year will receive offer letters from the Graduate School that will specify their entitlement to have the one-half of the Plan premiums paid by the University when they enroll in coverage and pay the remaining portion of the premiums.

Eligible graduate assistants will be required to complete enrollment forms and other documentation from time to time, and eligible graduate assistants who elect not to participate will not receive any other credit for the premiums that the University would have otherwise paid, with one exception. International graduate assistants who meet the above eligibility criteria and who have been separately required by the University to participate in, and to pay the premiums for, international group health insurance plans through the University's Office of International Education (OIE) will receive credits equivalent to the premiums that would have otherwise been paid by the University on behalf of the student for the Plan with a maximum benefit of \$15,000.

Anyone who does not receive an offer letter from the Graduate School that specifies that the University will pay the Plan premiums on his or her behalf will not be eligible to have the University pay any portion of his or her Plan premiums. All questions concerning eligibility as described in offer letters must be directed to the Graduate School for clarification in a revised offer letter.

Graduate assistants who are eligible to participate in the Plan with a maximum benefit of \$15,000 and University-paid premiums will have the option to purchase additional coverage under the Plan with maximum benefits of \$50,000 or \$250,000. Coverage for the graduate assistant's spouse and eligible children will also be available for purchase.

The specific benefits and restrictions concerning the University's obligation to pay premiums, including the amount of premiums, procedures for payment of premiums paid by the University as well as those paid by the graduate assistant, and enrollment procedures and requirements will be determined and incorporated into written policies and announcements that will be communicated separately prior to the beginning of the academic year.