



**Graduate Tuition Proposal
Arizona State University
Fiscal Year 2010
Executive Summary**

Graduate tuition rates at Arizona State University have historically been low, both in comparison to the senior public universities across the nation as well as the select set of peer institutions. Even with recent increases, current rates for both resident and non-resident graduate tuition fall below or just at national averages, respectively.

The quality and value of the graduate programs at ASU are very high, but can be significantly enhanced by additional investments in the faculty and in student support, and ASU must continue to pursue increases in these rates to secure increased resources to advance. While the enrollment related to graduate studies is significantly smaller than undergraduates, these proposed increases nonetheless provide critical resources for continued support of graduate programs, fellowships, and training opportunities.

The ASU proposal seeks to continue to offer graduate programs at a moderate tuition level. The proposal would place graduate tuition at or slightly below the median for the senior public universities, which is nearly the same as the average for the ABOR peer group. The following outlines the proposals:

Resident Graduate Tuition

Resident graduate tuition and fees is currently in the lower third of the comparable rates at the senior public universities in each state. The proposal to increase tuition by 5% would increase tuition from \$6,789 to \$7,128. Mandatory fees will remain at \$260. This would place tuition and fees below the market median, most likely in the bottom third of resident graduate tuition rates.

Non-resident Graduate Tuition

The proposal for non-resident graduate tuition is an increase of 5%, which would increase tuition for these students from the current level of \$19,354 to \$20,322. Tuition and mandatory fees for ASU non-resident graduate students is currently at the median when compared to rates at the senior public universities in each state. Mandatory fees will remain at \$260. The proposed increase of 5% is intended to keep this tuition rate at the market median.

The following table summarizes the proposed tuition rates:

| | Current Tuition | Proposed Tuition | % Increase |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Resident Graduate | 6,789 | 7,128 | 5% |
| Non-Resident Graduate | 19,354 | 20,322 | 5% |

Commitments

With the proposed increases, ASU commits to improved support of graduate programs through:

- Increased fellowship opportunities.
- Improved training programs for Teaching Assistants.
- Increased travel funding.
- Increased financial aid.