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APPENDIX A
Summer 2026 Tuition Subsidy and Internship Rate for Graduate Students

The summer tuition subsidy plan, in effect since 1999, has been developed to reduce the cost of a graduate student to a research grant, and to improve the quality of faculty life. It is not intended to enable growth in the size of graduate programs, or to lengthen the time to a degree.

Graduate students who are enrolled in a research degree program, and who are not taking courses, will have their summer tuition subsidized (that is, paid from other Institute sources). Candidates for professional degrees will be charged tuition if registered for the summer.

The following rules apply:

- New graduate students, or continuing graduate students in normal resident status during the preceding spring term, who register for thesis or pre-thesis research credit only in the summer term will be eligible for a tuition subsidy from Institute general funds. Each department has created special pre-thesis research subject(s) that are recognized by the Registrar as eligible for the subsidy. In Physics, for example, the subjects 8.391 or 8.392 ("Special Problems in Physics") qualify as pre-thesis subjects, and are therefore eligible for the subsidy.
- Graduate students who register for any summer subject other than those recognized by the Registrar as thesis or pre-thesis research subjects will be charged tuition on a per unit basis up to the maximum tuition. Tuition for such subjects may not be charged to research grants.
- Graduate students registered in professional programs will pay tuition at the rate established for their particular programs. These programs, as defined by the Provost's Office, are Masters programs in the Sloan School of Management, System Design & Management, Supply Chain Management, Real Estate Development, Data, Economics and Design of Policy, and the Advanced Study Program.
- An intern tuition rate will apply to students registered exclusively (no additional MIT subjects) for off-campus internships. Students enrolled in internship subjects will be charged \$720 per unit up to a maximum of \$2,880.

The following pages provide further detail on the specific tuition basis codes used by the Registrar, as well as some sample scenarios, for use by those interpreting summer tuition policy and those processing student appointments and subsidies.

SUMMER TUITION CODES

The Registrar's Office uses tuition basis codes as a convenient way to explain the basis for a student's tuition. Please note the following **tuition basis codes** as follows:

- **Subsidized:**

1. **REAS** – Tuition basis code for students in non-professional programs registered for thesis or pre-thesis subjects only. In this case, the student will receive a full tuition charge which will be fully covered by the subsidy.
2. **EM1W** – Early thesis for continuing masters level students. These students will receive a one (1) week minimum charge; this charge will be higher if the thesis is turned in later. In this case, the tuition will be 100% subsidized.
3. **ED2W** – Early thesis for continuing doctoral students. These students will receive a two (2) week minimum charge; this charge will be higher if the thesis is turned in later. In this case, the tuition will be 100% subsidized.
4. **EDHF** – Early thesis for a doctoral student who was on non-resident status during the Spring Term. This student will be charged a minimum of half of the regular Fall Term tuition, which will be 100% subsidized. This charge will be higher if the thesis is turned in later, but will still be subsidized.
5. **EDMX** – Early thesis for a doctoral student who was registered during the Spring Term, but not registered for thesis. These students will be charged \$22,220 (full Summer tuition charge), and will be 100% subsidized.

- **Unsubsidized:**

1. **PROF** – Tuition basis code for students in a Professional Program [Sloan School of Management, System Design & Management, Supply Chain Management, Real Estate Development, Data, Economics and Design of Policy, and the Advanced Study Program]
2. **GSUM** – Tuition basis code assigned to students registered for:
 - a) thesis related subject AND non-thesis related subject(s)
OR
 - b) non-thesis related subjects

The student will be charged tuition on a per-unit basis (@ \$695 per unit) for **all units of registration**, up to the maximum charge of \$22,220.

3. **GFMA** – Early thesis for master's level students who were not registered at all during the Spring Term. The tuition charge for these students will be \$33,360 and will NOT be subsidized. The tuition cannot be charged to a research account, and the **55/45** tuition split cannot be used.
4. **GFDC** - Early thesis for doctoral students who were not registered at all during the Spring Term. The tuition charge for these students will be \$50,040 and will NOT be subsidized. The tuition cannot be charged to a research account, and the **55/45** tuition split cannot be used.
5. **ITXX** – Tuition basis code for students registered and participating exclusively in off-campus internship programs during the summer term. The tuition charge for these students will be \$720 per unit up to a maximum of \$2,880, and will NOT be subsidized.

The following scenarios attempt to illustrate and interpret the tuition basis codes described above:

Question 1:

What is the tuition charge for a graduate student in a non-professional course who registers for thesis only for the Summer?

The student will be charged full tuition (\$23,055). The tuition charge will be fully subsidized from Institute general funds.

Tuition Basis Code: REAS

Question 2:

What is the tuition charge for a graduate student in one of the professional programs (as defined by the Provost's Office)?

Students registered in professional programs during the summer will be charged full tuition, whether taking subjects, or thesis, or both. These programs are not eligible for the tuition subsidy.

Tuition Basis Code: PROF

Question 3:

What is the tuition charge for a student in a non-professional course who enrolls for thesis plus a subject that is not designated as "thesis" or "pre-thesis"?

Tuition will be charged on a per-unit basis (@ \$720 per unit) for all units of registration, up to the maximum charge of \$23,055. This charge will not be subsidized. **Tuition Basis Code: GSUM**

Question 3a:

What happens if the student in question #3 drops the subject that is not designated as "thesis" or "pre-thesis"?

The tuition basis code will change from GSUM to REAS and the student will be charged full tuition of \$23,055. Since the student will now only be enrolled in thesis-related subjects, **they will be eligible for the 100% subsidy.**

Question 3b:

What happens in the opposite case – that is, the student in question #3 drops the subject designated as "thesis" or "pre-thesis"?

The student will be charged on a per unit basis (@ \$720 per unit) for **all units of registration**, up to the maximum charge of \$23,055. The tuition basis code **will remain as GSUM**, but the amount of tuition owed will be lower as a result of fewer units in the tuition calculation.

Question 4:

What happens when a graduate student in a non-professional course (who has been registered in the previous Spring Term) registers for thesis and submits the thesis early in the summer?

The student will initially be charged full summer tuition (\$23,055), and assigned the tuition basis code REAS. Upon completion of the thesis (and departmental notification to the Registrar), the tuition charge will be reduced to the appropriate level as indicated on the pro-ration chart, as included in the Schedule of Fees. The subsidy will cover the amount of the pro-rated tuition under the new basis code = EM1W, ED2W, EDHF, or EDMX, depending on the situation. Please refer to the basis code definitions for a greater understanding. In these cases, the tuition will be 100% subsidized.

Question 5:

If tuition is subsidized, can the student still receive a Graduate Appointment?

Yes, students may receive a SALARY ONLY research assistantship or fellowship.

In the cases of students who are readmitted for the summer term, and are returning to complete a master's level or doctoral thesis over the summer, the \$33,360 (SM) or \$50,040 (DOC) tuition charge is NOT subsidized, and the tuition CANNOT be charged to a research account. If this student does not complete the thesis over the summer, the tuition charge will revert to full summer tuition, which may be subsidized.

Student Financial Services

Student Financial Services manages a process that will automatically identify tuition changes and add a corresponding tuition subsidy credit, if eligible. If you have a question, want to check on the subsidy for a particular student, or need to share an update with the SFS Student Account Counselors, please email: sfs@mit.edu or call 617-258-8600.

Please note that changes processed in September or later will not be automatically adjusted; please email sfs@mit.edu to make the Student Financial Services team aware of any late summer adjustments.