Graduate Tuition Proposal

Historical Context

- FSU increased graduate rates for the 2026-2027 academic year for the first time the 2017-2018 academic year
- In 2022, the UNC Board of Governors modified how graduate programs were funded.
- Prior to 2022, graduate student credit hours were funded at 2 - 4x that of undergraduate credit hours, leading to adequate funding for graduate programs.
- From 2022 onward, most graduate programs are funded as if they were undergraduate programs, even though graduate programs are more expensive.

Graduate Tuition Across UNC Universities

2026–27 annual tuition for regular full-time graduate students. Fees excluded.

Resident graduate tuition (FSU: 2nd)

Rank / University	Tuition
1. Elizabeth City State	$3,375
2. Fayetteville State	**$3,688**
3. Winston-Salem State	$3,949
4. UNC Pembroke	$4,280
5. Western Carolina	$4,568
6. NC Central	$4,882
7. UNC Asheville	$4,914
8. East Carolina	$4,987
9. UNC Charlotte	$5,324
10. NC A&T	$5,454
11. Appalachian State	$5,525
12. UNC Greensboro	$5,536
13. UNC Wilmington	$5,763
14. UNC School of the Arts	$10,296
15. NC State	$10,537
16. UNC–Chapel Hill	$10,764

Nonresident graduate tuition (FSU: 3rd)

Rank / University	Tuition
1. Winston-Salem State	$14,695
2. Western Carolina	$15,287
3. Fayetteville State	**$15,403**
4. Elizabeth City State	$16,437
5. UNC Pembroke	$17,339
6. NC Central	$18,589
7. NC A&T	$18,638
8. East Carolina	$18,793
9. UNC Asheville	$21,236
10. UNC Greensboro	$21,313
11. UNC Charlotte	$22,688
12. Appalachian State	$23,238
13. UNC Wilmington	$23,325
14. UNC School of the Arts	$24,999
15. UNC–Chapel Hill	$29,421
16. NC State	$32,474

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Proposed Graduate Tuition Increases

Graduate Resident tuition will increase by **$152**

$3,688 to $3,840 (still 2nd lowest in UNC System)

Graduate Nonresident tuition will increase by **$647**

$15,403 to $16,050 (still 3rd lowest in UNC System)

This will allow the University to properly fund our graduate-level programs, address inflationary cost pressures, fund faculty and staff retention, academic support, and student services.

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