This document provides important information about the way financial aid, taxes, and tuition can be managed at the University of Texas. This is not an official university document, but a guide compiled by the Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Student Organization meant to help current and prospective students understand the way the tuition assistance process works.

**Pay for 2010-2011**

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Tuition assistance: $3,784/semester

Be aware that the first paycheck is October 1st and the last, June 1st. There are 9 monthly paychecks in total. If the first of the month falls on a weekend or holiday, your pay will usually be deposited on the 1st business day of the month. Please plan accordingly with your bill due dates.

New students need to fill out all of the forms for health insurance, eye and dental. The extras such as eye and dental insurance will be taken out of your paycheck each month and your final June paycheck will have 4-months taken out to account for the summer months (the normal premium x4).

All income including tuition assistance and any fellowships or grants received is considered taxable. This includes the Professional Development Award for conference travel. Any awards granted by UT will automatically be applied to your 1098-T form.

**Tuition**

Tuition is not paid automatically by UT.

The tuition assistance is $3,784/semester regardless of how many credits one takes and the cost of 9 hours is $3,752 a semester. You will have to pay the difference for any additional credits.

At the beginning of the semester, 75% of the tuition assistance will automatically be credited to your tuition bill. For the remainder, you must either pay the balance or apply for a tuition loan. Tuition loans have around 4% interest and the interest is added weekly. The process for applying for a tuition loan is very simple and you can follow the prompts on UT Direct or on the What I Owe page.

You will receive a check (usually during the 1st month of the semester) for the remaining 25% of the tuition assistance minus the taxed amount of the entire tuition assistance. You can use this...
money to pay the tuition loan but you will also need to cover the extra money out of your own pocket because of the taxes taken out.

Even though you have to pay extra for your tuition, you will get this back when you file your taxes for the year.

**Lifelong Learning Credit**

Unfortunately this tax credit DOES NOT apply to international students.

This is a 20% credit of up to $10,000 in eligible expenses (up to $2,000), which is applicable toward your yearly income tax statement. This is a credit NOT a deduction, and in most cases will allow you to recover the amount of taxed income at the end of each year.

For more information see: [http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96273,00.html](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=96273,00.html)

In February you will receive a 1098-T form generated by UT that has all of your tuition payments as well as grants and scholarships. We recommend that you take the Lifelong Learning Credit on all eligible tuition and fees; this amount will be stated on your 1098-T form. The only portion that is not eligible is the Health Services fee (approximately $250 a year).

Please consult a tax professional if you have any specific questions about this credit.