

# Graduate School Financial Policies

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# Graduate School: Financial Policies

- Your graduate level (G-status)
- Financial support
- Employment as a TA/GA/RA
- Using “SOLAR” to access and manage financial information

# Graduate School Policies: Know your “G status”

	<b>Masters Students</b>	<b>Doctoral Students</b>
Completed less than 24 <b>grad</b> -level credits	=G1 Fulltime = 12 cr	=G3 Fulltime = 12 cr
Completed 24+ credits of <b>grad</b> -level coursework	= G2 Fulltime = 9 cr	= G4 Fulltime = 9 cr
“Advanced to Candidacy” (all but dissertation complete)	N/A	= G5 Fulltime = 9 cr

# Your Financial Support:

## Tuition Scholarship:

- posted to your SOLAR account as financial aid
- TS amount dependent on your G-level
- TS amount dependent on your residency status

## Assistantship (employment):

- Two employers
  - TAs & GAs are state appts.
  - RAs are Research Fdn appts.
- Stipend is compensation for work performed – you will receive a biweekly paycheck
- TA/GA/RA appointments provide subsidized health insurance

# Graduate Tuition Scholarships Eligibility & Important Details

- Must be registered as a full-time graduate student by “Day 15” – for Fall 2009, that’s September 21, 2009
- Generally, TS awards are awarded in tandem with employment as TA, GA, RA or to a Fellow
- Award decisions are made at the graduate program level, based on academic merit & availability of funding
- TS awards may be pro-rated (% of tuition) OR capped at the NYS tuition rates (regardless of your billing amount)
- TS values are based on your G-level. If you enroll in additional courses, you may incur tuition charges
- TS awards never cover undergrad courses (courses with a designator below “500”)

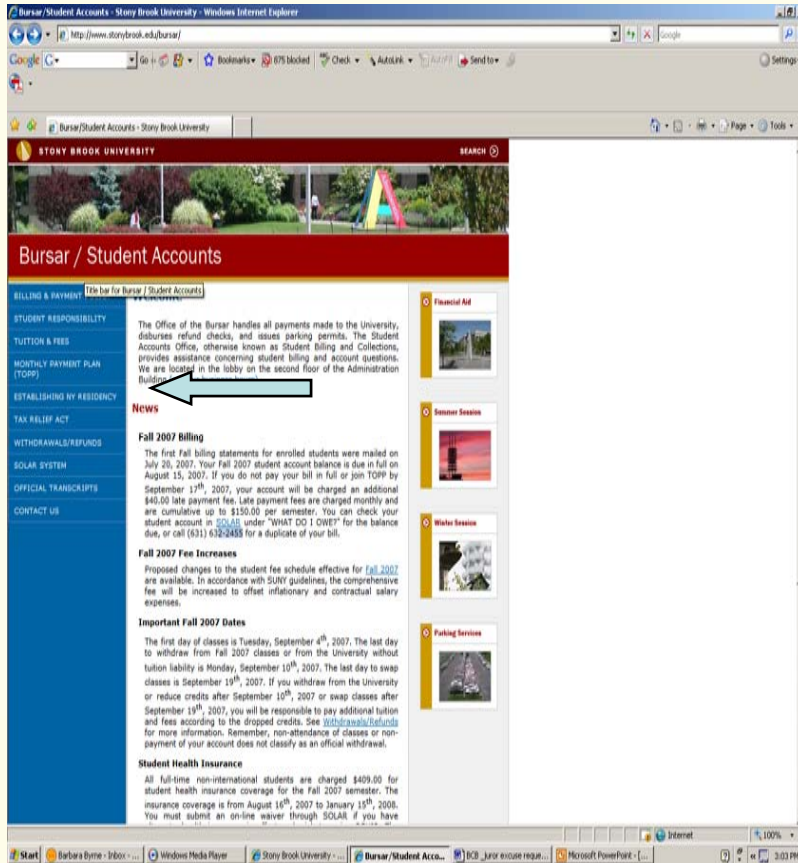
# Graduate Tuition Scholarship Applying for NYS Residency

- Grad TS funding is limited
- Most Grad TS awards require that you become a NYS resident (this reduces the cost of your GTS)
- Failure to become a NYS resident by the start of your 2<sup>nd</sup> semester may result in tuition liability

# Graduate Tuition Rates, 2009/10

	<b>NYS Rate</b>	<b>Out of state &amp; Internatl</b>
Per credit rate	<b>\$349</b>	<b>\$552</b>
12 cr load (G1, G3)	<b>\$4,185</b>	<b>\$6,625</b>
9 cr load (G2, G4, G5)	<b>\$3,141</b>	<b>\$4,968</b>

# How to apply for NYS Residency



- Generally, domestic grad students can apply before the start of their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Go to the Bursar/Student Accounts website for form and detailed instructions
- Questions regarding NYS residency should be directed to Kathy Czak-Malone

# SOLAR , Student billing & Your Financial

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**SOLAR LOGIN**

If the buttons do not appear, [see these instructions](#) for enabling JavaScript, setting time and time zone or setting the preferred language.

**SOLAR News**

- SOLAR will be **Unavailable due to System Maintenance beginning Wednesday, August 19th at 5PM. We expect it to be available again after 7AM, Thursday, August 20th.** We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.
- **Faculty: Need help with grading? Learn how to submit grades in SOLAR by clicking on [Online Help For Instructors/Advisors](#)**

**Get Help**

- [SOLAR Quick Facts](#)
- [Online Help For Students](#)
- [Online Help For Instructors/Advisors](#)
- [Online Help For Employees](#)
- [Report a Problem](#)

**Important Links**

- [Public Access to Course Catalog](#)
- [Public Access to Class Search](#)
- [Southampton SOLAR](#)
- [Find Your Stony Brook ID \(for students prior to 2001\)](#)

**Workplace Violence Training**

Per NYS law, Human Resources has developed workplace and domestic violence training for campus employees.

**Express Login to SOLAR Time Reporting**

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/it/solar.shtml>

# Accessing your account & financial aid via SOLAR



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- Elections**  
Student Elections, Faculty/Prof Elections
- For New Students**  
New Student Preferences, Pay Initial Deposits/Fee, Advising Planning Form
- Student Records & Registration**  
Enrollment, Academic Records, Degree Progress/Graduation
- Student Financial Services**  
Account Information/Payment, Financial Aid
- Campus Housing**  
Continuing Room Deposit, Room Selection, Chapin/Schomburg Apt Deposit
- Student Employment Service**  
Enter Timesheet, Timesheet Paid, Federal Work Study Balance, Job Opportunities, Payroll Periods
- For Employees**  
State Time Reporting, Payroll and Compensation, Benefits, Research Employee Time View, Learn



Main Menu > Solar System > Student Financial Services >

### Account Information/Payment

- Account\_summary/What do I owe?**
- Time Option Payment Plan(TOPP)**  
Enroll and make a payment in Story Brook's Time Option Payment Plan.
- Health Insurance Waiver**  
Add/update student health insurance waiver request.
- Health Professions Payment**  
On-line payment service for Academic & Pre-Professional Advising Center.

# “Operation GreenBill”



- Billing is a function of Bursar/Student Accounts
- The Student Accounts Office, in line with the University’s environmental stewardship program, will **discontinue paper billing following the Fall 2009 semester.**
- The **GreenBill** program is currently optional

What do I Owe?

EmplID: \_\_\_\_\_

**Go Green!**  
We invite you to join the Student Account's office in our effort to protect, conserve, and improve our environment, through our new GreenBill program. Join us by enrolling, and opting out of receiving a paper bill. The program is completely voluntary, and you can cancel at any time. To enroll, check the box below to indicate that you would NOT like to receive a paper bill. For more information regarding this program you can email us at: [GreenBill@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:GreenBill@notes.cc.sunysb.edu).

Please place a check in this box if you do NOT wish to receive a paper bill.

Term	Charge Amount	Credit Amount	Anticipated Aid	Term Due
Fall 2005	9868.00	-9868.00		
Spring 2006	9868.00	-9868.00		
Fall 2006	9801.50	-9801.50		
Spring 2007	9821.50	-9821.50		
Fall 2007	9806.50	-9806.50		
Spring 2008	9806.50	-9806.50		
Fall 2008	10989.00			10989.00

Total Amount Due: \$10,989.00  
[Pay Tuition and Fees](#)

# “What Do I Owe” screen

## Provides detail of :

- tuition & fees billed
- Credits& payments posted
- Financial aid disbursed
- Refund checks available
  - Consider direct deposit**
- Anticipated aid (aid available, but not yet released/dispursed to you)

The screenshot displays the 'What Do I Owe?' web application interface. The page is titled 'What do I owe?' and features the Stony Brook Administrative Services logo. The main content is organized into several sections, each with a table of items and a total amount.

**Charges**

Description	Item Amount	Date Posted
1 College Fee	\$7.65	06/30/2009
2 Infirmary Fee	\$129.50	06/30/2009
3 Student Health Insurance	\$433.00	06/30/2009
4 Technology Fee	\$186.50	06/30/2009
5 Transportation Fee	\$113.00	06/30/2009
6 Tuition - Grad Resident	\$3,141.00	06/30/2009
7 Graduate Activity Fee	\$25.00	08/12/2009

Total Charges: \$4,035.65

**Credits**

Description	Receipt Number	Item Amount	Date Posted
1 Waiver - Student Health Ins	.	\$-433.00	08/06/2009

Total Payments: \$-433.00

**Financial Aid Disbursements**

Description	Item Amount	Date Posted
1	\$0.00	

Total Financial Aid: \$0.00

**Refunds**

Description	Item Amount	Date Posted
1	\$0.00	

Total Refunds: \$0.00

**Anticipated Aid**

Description	Net Award Amount
1 Grad Tuition Scholarship -FA	\$3,141.00

# Important Facts & Tips

- Direct Deposit of Refund checks is available
  - Option available in SOLAR (different from payroll direct deposit)
  - Eliminate standing in line at Student Accounts to collect check
  - Obtain refund check in a timely & secure manner
- Financial Aid only “disburses” after you become eligible
  - For GTS awards, you must be fulltime
  - For loans, etc, you must be registered
- Loan monies are applied against outstanding balances first
- Check “What Do I Owe” after enrolling, after making changes to enrollment & after Day 15 of classes
- Outstanding balances (even small amounts) will result in late fees and “blocks”

# Graduate Employment

- You may be employed as a TA, GA or RA
- In many departments, assignments vary from semester to semester and year to year
- TAs & GAs are NYS unionized positions – GSEU
- RA are employees of Research Foundation and voted to unionize in December 2008 with collective bargaining in process
- Health insurance is a fringe benefit of TA/GA and RA employment – however you must enroll in the plan to be covered

# Graduate Employment – When will I get paid ?

## TAs & GAs:

Paid biweekly, alternating  
Wednesdays

Academic year appointment  
started on 8/20/2009

State payroll has a 2-week time  
lag

First paycheck for Fall 2009 new  
appointments should be  
expected on Wednesday,  
**September 16, 2009**

## RAs & Research Fellows:

Paid biweekly, alternating Fridays

Appointment dates vary, dependent on  
the underlying grant

No payroll lag

Appointments starting on 8/15/2009  
should have 1<sup>st</sup> paycheck available  
Friday, August 28.

Appointments starting on 8/29/2009  
should have 1<sup>st</sup> paycheck available  
Friday, September 11.

Check with your PI/Advisor regarding  
your appointment paperwork.

**Above dates assume departments met  
campus deadlines**

# Graduate Employment – Are there any other options?

- \*Many students come to Stony Brook as “self supporting” (no TA, GA or RA & paying own tuition)**
- \* If you’re looking for campus employment  
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# Other Campus Job Opportunities

- **Hourly positions (no insurance coverage) are available in many administrative offices and the Library – look at SOLAR for openings**
- **Additional campus employment may be found in the food service areas:**
  - **Campus Dining**
  - **Jasmine (located within Wang Center)**

### Hold Center

**Holds**  
No Holds.

**To Do List**  
No To Do's.

### Message Center

[new message\(s\)](#) [read message\(s\)](#)

**New Messages**  
No New Messages.

### Solar System

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