

## Graduate Student Parental Leave Policy

### SUMMARY

This policy establishes guidelines to protect the interests of graduate students who, while in the course of their graduate academic program, become the

Students are required to be enrolled during a leave period in order to receive benefits.

Graduate students receiving an assistantship stipend will be guaranteed the continuation of their stipend for the first 6 weeks of the leave period, provided those weeks fall within the contracted period of the assistantship. Thereafter, continued funding during the leave period will be at the discretion of the department chair and dean, in consultation with the graduate student and his or her advisor.

Graduate students receiving a University fellowship will be guaranteed the continuation of their stipend for the 6 weeks of the leave period, provided those weeks fall within the contracted period of the fellowship. Thereafter, continued funding during the leave period will be at the discretion of the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, in consultation with the graduate student and his or her advisor.