

**Stony Brook**  
**Graduate Scholarships**  
**Impact of Proposed Executive Budget Reductions**  
**2009-10**

The proposed reduction by 15% of funds for tuition scholarships for Teaching, Graduate, and Research Assistants and fellows will be catastrophic for graduate education and research. Typically about 30% of tuition scholarship funds are available for first year students (as prior classes received offers with several years of tuition support that must be honored). Commitments to continuing students will thus take 70% of current funding so the full impact of the 15% cut will be on the class to enter in fall 2009. This will reduce funds for new students from 30% of the total allocation to 15%. Thus the impact is to CUT IN HALF funds for recruitment of new, graduate students. In addition, due to tuition rate increases, we face an additional cost of graduate tuition that will average 18% for our current students. Thus, funds needed to meet current obligations to continuing students will consume almost 83% of funds available this year. This will leave us with a sum equal to TWO PERCENT of current funds for new students. The combined effect of a tuition increase and a reduction in tuition scholarship funding will be to stop the recruitment of new doctoral students in its tracks or will cause us to break commitments to continuing students in order recruit a new class. Neither of these options can be acceptable if the New York State is to continue to be active in research and innovation.