

St. John Fisher College Graduate Tuition Remission and Taxability
Frequently Asked Questions

Why is graduate level tuition remission taxable?

All graduate tuition remission is taxable unless exempt by the Internal Revenue Code. Under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) §127, if the amount of the tuition remission exceeds \$5,250 in a calendar year, the College is required to report the excess tuition remission benefit (i.e., any amount over \$5,250) as income and withhold the applicable income taxes.

How much is the tax withholding?

The value of the graduate tuition remission that exceeds \$5,250 will be taxable and taxes will be withheld based on the withholding status identified on federal form W-4 withholding and form NY IT2104 for New York state tax submitted to the Payroll Department. Your withholding status can be changed at any time through the submission of new documents to the Payroll Department.

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Are undergraduate level courses counted toward the graduate level \$5,250 annual exclusion?

Yes. All coursework taken by a graduate student, regardless of the level, ~~count~~ toward the annual exclusion.

Who should I contact if I have specific questions?

If you have questions about your job description and/or interpretation of the taxation of your tuition waiver, please contact Human Resources at extension 8048

If you have questions about how the taxable amount of your tuition waiver was computed, please contact Mary Powley in the Payroll Office at extension 8057.