GSS Forum:
Panel Discussion
Our Panelists

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Q: Which of the following statements about Payroll Deduction is true?

A. Participating students don’t need to pay attention to their bills because they’re generally wrong for students on payroll deduction.
B. Students receiving tuition fellowships and salaries opt for “housing and fees only”
C. Payroll deductions will be applied to charges from prior quarters.
D. “Pay All Charges” will pick up all charges on the account
Q: Do VPGE fellowships directly cover the Cardinal Care health insurance premium for fellows?

A. Only when the fellow has an additional outside fellowship that requires the University to cover the fellow’s health insurance

B. Always

C. Never

D. Maybe, on case by case basis
Q. What happens to housing, insurance, funding if I take a leave?

A. Keep insurance and funding but not housing
B. Keep housing and insurance but not funding
C. Nothing changes. Keep everything.
D. Loses privileges to all three
E. None of the above
Q: When does Stanford invoice Third Party Contract (TPC) sponsors?

A. After the Preliminary Study List Deadline  
B. Once the student enrolls at full time status  
C. After the Final Study List Deadline  
D. Students give their sponsors an itemized list once they’re ready
Q. If I am a grad student, who can I talk to confidentially?

A. GLO
B. Ombuds
C. VPGE
D. All of the above
Q: Where can I find information about the selection process for VPGE fellowships?

A. By visiting fellowship-specific webpages on the VPGE website
B. By visiting the VPGE website and selecting “For Faculty and Staff” on the main VPGE Fellowships webpage
C. None of the above
D. Both A & B
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Q: How many units must a coterm complete in order to be eligible for research or teaching assistantships?

A. 120
B. 180
C. 200
D. 225
E. Both b & d
Q. My quals are coming up and I feel sick what can I do?

A. Let your student services officer know ASAP.
B. Let your advisor/PI know.
C. See a doctor
D. All of the above
Q: If a student doesn’t enroll in Direct Deposit, a paper check is issued. To which address is the check mailed?

A. Home
B. Stanford Residence
C. Mailing
D. Stanford Directory (local)
Q: Which of the following statements is NOT true about student housing?

A. First years are guaranteed housing for their first year.
B. PhD’s can renew in place up to five times for a total of six years in housing.
C. Students who are beyond priority years can still apply but will unlikely to get Stanford housing.
D. Master’s students can renew in place up to two a total of two years.
E. Students living in off-campus subsidized housing can apply for re-assignment on campus.
Q: VPGE funds student groups doing projects that expand their intellectual communities at Stanford, as well as students developing projects that will advance diversity. Do these opportunities include Masters students?

A. Yes

B. No
Q: Which of the following is NOT a requirement for payroll deduction?

A. Research Assistantship (RA) or Teaching Assistantship (TA) appointment with bimonthly salary entered into GFS
B. Have a minimum balance due on their quarterly university bill of $500 for the charge category selected
C. Enroll in payroll deduction before the enrollment deadline
D. No past due balance at time of application
Q: VPGE works with departments to ensure that the VPGE fellowship financial support that has been entered in GFS by departments matches VPGE records. How do they do that?

A. VPGE reviews all department GFS entries for all VPGE administered fellowships on a quarterly basis and reaches out to departments about discrepancies

B. VPGE receives a report from Student Financial Services highlighting discrepancies

C. VPGE works with departments at the end of each school year to complete the verification process, making sure that VPGE and department records match at year-end

D. Both a & c
Q: In which term can international students not enroll in Curricular Practical Training (CPT) while on TGR?

A. Autumn
B. Winter
C. Spring
D. Summer
Q. My roommate's friend has stayed in our apartment for several weeks now, what can I do?

A. Call the police
B. Consult with CA, Housing Front Desk, GLO
C. Not much... guests are allowed in Housing
D. Apply for reassignment on Axess
Q: What is the best way for me to advise my students to take advantage of the professional development opportunities offered by VPGE?

A. Encourage them to speak with other students who have participated in programs offered by VPGE

B. Show them the VPGE brochure, highlighting the Graduate Professional Development Framework, or “The Wheel”

C. Urge them to visit the VPGE website, particularly the information found under the “Professional Development” drop-down menu

D. All of the above
Q: What charges are reflected on the 1098-T?

A. All charges assessed to the account
B. Tuition, ASSU fee, Campus Health Service Fee, Health Insurance
C. Tuition, ASSU fee, Campus Health Service fee, Course fees
D. Tuition, ASSU fee, Course fees
Q: When are Special Registration forms due for each quarter?

A. Preliminary Study List Deadline
B. Final Study List Deadline
C. Whenever, this is Stanford!
D. When enrollment opens
Q: What form of financial aid does not appear on the 1098-T for Graduate Students?

A. Tuition aid
B. Stipends
C. Salaries
D. Outside scholarships posted by the Financial Aid Office