

Teaching by Graduate Students Supported by External Grants

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The new conditions for support of graduate students (FAR4) have implications for Research Assistants funded by external grants. University policies on time and effort reporting by externally funded researchers, which are designed to ensure that NYU researchers remain in compliance with federal regulations, have the following implications:

1. Graduate students appointed as full-time Research Assistants supported by an external grant may not receive extra compensation from NYU for teaching (or for any other activity) during any semester or summer month in which they hold such appointments.
2. Graduate students appointed as part-time Research Assistants supported by an external grant may receive compensation from NYU for teaching, so long as the support received from NYU sources is consistent with the compensation received from the grant. That is, the compensation received from the grant, as a fraction of total support (compensation and fellowship), should not exceed the fraction of total effort devoted to the grant. Thus if the Research Assistantship is for 50% of total effort, the compensation received from the grant shall be no more than the support (teaching compensation plus fellowship) received from NYU for the other 50% of effort. Note, however, that in the Time and Effort (T&E) report what is tracked is not total effort but only compensated effort, so the relative percentages will not reflect the fellowship portion of support.

Any departure from these rules must be of limited scope and must have the explicit approval of the school dean and the Senior Vice Provost for Research.