4. Exceptions to Policy

Departments should be aware of the following exceptions to policy and/or use of titles:

- Academic year appointment(s) greater than 50% time
- Graduate Student Researcher (GSR) not meeting eligibility requirements
- GSRTF on extramural funds not automatically accepting T/F remission charge
- Teaching Assistant (TA) for less than the entire quarter or mid-quarter change in percent time
- Non-degree students on academic titles (ex. EAP Program)
- Titles:
  - Associate-in-Lieu in other than approved programs
  - Tutor in other than an approved program

ACADEMIC YEAR APPOINTMENTS GREATER THAN 50% TIME

U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents:
The employment of a graduate student over 50% time during the academic year requires the prior written approval by:

1. All funding sources involved
2. The student’s graduate academic (Home) Department Chair
3. The Dean of the Graduate Division

Additionally, the endorsement of the student’s academic advisor is required. A separate letter should be submitted for each student. Do not combine the names of several students in one letter. The exception request is usually initiated by the funding source requesting the exception.

In general, a request for exception up to a maximum of 75% time will be considered.

Note: The Dean will not approve a GSR position over 49.99%, although he/she may approve a 49.99% GSR in combination with another 25% title such as TA or Reader.

WARNING: Students appointed over 50% may be eligible for core benefits as outlined in Chapter 21.

International Students (F-1 and J-1 status):
An international student in F-1 or J-1 status is restricted to on-campus employment of a maximum of 50% time (20 hours per week) during the academic year. During the summer, 100% employment is allowed (depending on the student’s academic department support policy) if the student intends to enroll full-time Fall quarter and meets all other eligibility criteria.

No exceptions are permitted to this rule. Contact the International Center with questions.
Exception Letter Guidelines:
1. The request must state that the student is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
2. The Dean’s criteria for considering an exception should be addressed in the letter. These are:
   a. That the student is truly outstanding (must have a minimum 3.0 GPA) and that the additional appointment will not detract from the student making good academic progress.
   b. The student must be in good academic standing and there must be a current departmental spring evaluation on file with the Graduate Division indicating that the student is making excellent progress. If the spring evaluation indicates any deficiencies, these should be addressed by the student’s academic department/group in the exception letter.
   c. That the additional position is not taking away support from another student without full support.
3. The letter must be approved by the student’s academic Department Chair, the student’s academic advisor, and all funding sources.

NON-DEGREE STUDENTS ON ACADEMIC TITLES
The appointment of a non-degree graduate student (a student admitted to Non-Degree status) on an academic title requires prior written approval by the student’s graduate department/group Chair and the Dean of the Graduate Division. Exceptions will be considered if all degree students in the department are fully supported and that the non-degree student is not taking away support from a degree student (a student admitted for a Master’s or doctoral degree).

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER EXCEPTIONS
GSR Not Meeting Eligibility Criteria
It is an exception to appoint a Graduate Student Researcher on Tuition/Fee Remission who does not meet all of the five criteria for appointment (refer to Chapter 8, Guide for Graduate Student Researchers, page 8-2). A request for exception must receive pre-approval from the Dean of the Graduate Division.

GSRTF on 99100A or Other Funds Not Automatically Accepting T/F Remission Charge:
- There are some 99100A funds do not allow GSRTF such as American Cancer, American Heart, and March of Dimes; therefore, all GSRTF charges on a general fund (99100A) go through a clearing account managed by Kathryn Murphy (Director, Graduate Student Financial Support, kjmurphy@ucsd.edu, (858) 534-3724).
- Prior to hiring a GSR on a 99100A fund, the hiring department must submit a “GSRTF Clearing Account or Recharge Action Form”.
- The form is available on the Graduate Division Financial Support website at: http://grad.ucsd.edu/_files/financial/GSRTF%20Recharge%20Form.pdf
TEACHING ASSISTANT EXCEPTIONS

Appointments Less Than Entire Quarter and Change in Percent Time
It is an exception to appoint a Teaching Assistant for less than the entire quarter or to increase
the percent time mid-quarter. The action requires pre-approval by staff in the Graduate Division
Financial Support Unit (FSU). The FSU staff will determine if the situation also requires a
formal exception letter and consideration by the Dean of the Graduate Division. The action also
requires special coordination with the Payroll Office since paychecks are not automatically
generated.

TAs have a pay period in the Payroll system (three full months) but a service period of the actual
quarter dates. If a student does not work the entire quarter (begins late or ends early) or
changes the percent time mid-quarter, the action requires that you calculate the TA daily
rate of pay with FSU staff assistance. Chapter 10, Guide for Teaching Assistants, provides
information for computing the TA daily rate of pay (page 10-3).

Also, be aware that if the student does not work the equivalent of 50% time for half of the
quarter, he will become ineligible for the TAHI/TAFE payments and will be billed by the
University. This is another reason why you must contact FSU staff prior to inputting the action
into the Payroll system.

USE OF TUTOR TITLE IN OTHER THAN APPROVED PROGRAMS
Only programs that have received prior approval by the Graduate Division may use the Tutor
title code.

USE OF ASSOCIATE (IN-LIEU-OF TEACHING ASSISTANT) TITLE IN
OTHER THAN APPROVED PROGRAMS
The Associate (in-lieu-of TA) title has been approved for specific programs including:
• Teaching + Learning Commons, Center for Engaged Teaching
• The Division of Biological Sciences
• Department of Psychology

Any other departmental usage requires the approval of the Dean of the Graduate Division.