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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Agency & University HR Directors  
Academic Assistance Coordinators  
FROM: Staci Meyer, OSHR Director *SM*  
DATE: June 16, 2025  
RE: 2025-2026 Academic Assistance Ceiling Rates

The academic assistance reimbursement ceiling rates for the 2025–2026 fiscal year have been determined and are listed below. The ceiling rates below are based on tuition and fee rates published and approved by the University of North Carolina system office. These rates apply to all educational institutions that are **not** UNC System institutions or North Carolina Community College System institutions. Academic costs charged by institutions of the University of North Carolina and North Carolina Community College Systems are 100% reimbursable, if funds are available.

*Table 1: 2025-2026 Ceiling Rates*

Student Classification:	Maximum reimbursement ceiling rate per Fiscal Year <sup>1</sup>
Undergraduate	\$8,817
Graduate	\$12,540

<sup>1</sup> Maximum reimbursement provided for no more than 20 credit hours or 32 quarter hours per fiscal year.

**Please Note:** These rates are based on the action taken by the UNC Board of Governors on February 27, 2025, to approve tuition and fee rates for UNC System institutions.

If you have questions about the ceiling rates or the Academic Assistance Program policies, please contact Lance Lynch at [lance.lynch@nc.gov](mailto:lance.lynch@nc.gov) or (984) 236-1026.

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