Cheat Sheet – Continuing GC International Students: What You Need to Know to be Paid on Time

All information regarding financial aid, including fellowships and graduate assistant appointments, will be communicated via your Graduate Center email account. Please be sure to check this account regularly so that you do not miss important information.

Most fellowship awards at the Graduate Center have two components: a financial aid award and a graduate assistantship appointment.

1. The financial aid award components are tuition awards and financial aid fellowships. Financial aid fellowships typically pay once a semester and are mailed to your address by the Bursar.
2. Graduate Assistant appointments are processed by the Human Resources Office. The salary is paid bi-weekly through New York State payroll. Students may set up direct deposit.

In order to avoid delays to your payments, please take the following steps:

Step 1- Accept your financial aid award:

- Financial aid awards, including tuition remission awards, must be accepted on Banner Student Web under the Financial Aid tab.
- Graduate assistant appointments must be accepted on Banner Student Web under the Student Services tab.

Step 2 – Before classes begin:

- **Register as full-time by August 2nd to ensure timely payment of financial aid awards and graduate assistant appointments.**
- Continuing Students who have never been on the GC payroll, must attend a Human Resources Orientation in the spring semester prior to the start of the Fall appointment. **You must attend an Orientation to be paid.** At the Orientation, the paperwork necessary to add you to the GC payroll is submitted and you receive and sign a hard copy of your appointment letter.

Step 3 – Payment

- As long as the student has accepted their financial aid award and is registered full-time by August 2nd, the student can expect payment during early September. For financial aid fellowships (fellowship recipients and students receiving individual awards), you must have a social security number or tax identification number on file.
- International students are subject to a process each semester which determines the taxes (if any) that the student’s home country requires to be withheld from the financial aid fellowship. This process will likely delay financial aid fellowship payment.
- The financial aid office will be requesting checks from the state bi-weekly. If the student misses the August 2nd deadline, they will be on the next available check request list. The funds are usually received the week after the request is sent.
- If your program awards you a financial aid fellowship or a graduate assistant appointment after August 2nd, your payment may be delayed. The Graduate Center may be able to offer advances to students whose payments are delayed. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for details.
REMEMBER - You must accept both components of your awards separately in order to ensure that you will be paid on time.

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