

## **Policy on Funding of Graduate Assistants**

The Great Lakes Fishery Trust (GLFT) does not provide grant funds directly to a research institution to provide for the cost of tuition normally associated with a fellowship, except for the following purposes:

- 1. The GLFT from time to time may offer specific grants intended to pay the tuition associated with a graduate fellowship designed to meet specific needs of the GLFT.
- 2. The GLFT will approve payments for tuition as part of a standard fringe benefits package provided by the research institution to a graduate assistant(s) employed to work directly on GLFT-funded research projects. The use of GLFT grant funds for a graduate assistant(s) can include both direct salary and fringe benefits (including the cost of tuition) provided such payments conform to normal compensation schedules formally established by the research institution. The fringe benefits allowed under a GLFT grant are those directly associated with the hourly wages earned while working on the GLFT-funded project.

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