



Full-time, Off-Grounds Research-Only or Internship/Externship Fee Guidelines

The University of Virginia offers a reduced fee for eligible graduate students enrolled in on-Grounds programs but studying away from the Charlottesville area full-time. Students can meet the academic requirements for eligibility by meeting one of the following options:

1. Enrolled full-time in research hours (at least 12 credits among the following EHD course numbers: 8998, 8999, 9991, 9998, or 9999) and on advisor-approved travel away from the Charlottesville area for at least 75% of the semester in which the reduced fee will be applied; or
2. Enrolled full-time in research hours (at least 12 credits among the following EHD course numbers: 8998, 8999, 9991, 9998, or 9999) and living away from the Charlottesville area for at least 75% of the semester in which the reduced fee will be applied, as evidenced by their permanent address in SIS; or
3. Enrolled full-time in a EHD internship/externship (e.g. teaching internship for MT students or final semester internship for Communication Disorders MEd students) with a placement away from the Charlottesville area.

For the purposes of the reduced fee eligibility, the Charlottesville area is defined as the cities of Charlottesville, Waynesboro, Staunton, and Harrisonburg, and the counties of Albemarle, Greene, Madison, Orange, Louisa, Fluvanna, Buckingham, Nelson, Augusta and Rockingham. All students eligible for the reduced fee must be located outside of these areas for their research hours (options 1 and 2) or internship/externship (option 3).

Access and Restrictions: Off-Grounds research-only students may enroll in the University's student health insurance plan and may access Student Health services. They may also continue to access the University Library's services and resources remotely or in person. They may not access other services provided to students who pay the full comprehensive fee, including athletics events, recreational facilities, University Transit services, or Safe Ride. While on off-Grounds research-only/internship/externship status, graduate students are ineligible for graduate assistantships (GTA or GRA). Students eligible through options 1 and 2 may not enroll in any non-research credits while on off-Grounds status. Students eligible through option 3 may not enroll in any credits outside of the 12+ credits of internship/externship and, if applicable, the distance education seminar credits associated with the internship/externship credits.

The School of Education and Human Development (EHD) will endeavor to identify eligible students and apply the reduced fees to their accounts prior to the start of each term, but should students feel they are eligible and do not have the reduced fee applied, they should contact Chris Peper, Senior Director of Finance, at cwp5z@virginia.edu with any questions.