This toolkit provides applicants with information about the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Staff Tuition Reimbursement Assistance Program (STRAP) process including how to submit applications.

TAP and STRAP requests will get automatically routed to managers for review and approval in ServiceNow.

#### **Application Process**

TAP Coordinator **Pending** Register for **Submit TAP** Confirmation Waiver **Confirms** Manager Classes **Application** of Grades **Applied Eligibility** Approval

# **Employment Requirement**

## **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**

# **Staff Tuition Reimbursement**

Any benefit eligible staff or faculty (exempt and non-exempt), employed in a full-time (100%) benefit eligible position for six (6) months or greater within a USG institution by the application deadline

Any USG institution Colleges/Institutions

**Credit Limits** 

Up to 9 credit hours per semester

**Grade Requirements** 

**Assistance Method** 

Tuition payment waiver applied up front

**Eligible Programs** 

Associate degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's, Doctorate degree or Academic

Certificate program (see exclusions list)

Assistance Program (STRAP)

Any benefit eligible staff (exempt and nonexempt), employed in a full-time (100%) benefit eligible position for twelve (12) months or greater within Georgia Tech by the application deadline

Non-USG accredited institution or college

Up to 6 credit hours per semester

\* depending upon funding \*

Reimbursement received after term up to the GT reimbursement rate

Associate degree, Bachelor's degree, Master's, Doctorate degree or Academic Certificate program (see exclusions list)

# **Status Update**

- Shows current up-to-date progress within application process
- · To make changes to course information, add a comment within the application.

### **Tax Waiver Eligibility Guide**

If an employee is taking a graduate program and they will exceed tuition benefits over \$5,250 annually, they are subject to tax reporting.

#### The course MUST:

Be related to the employee's current job, maintain or improve current job skills.

#### The course **MUST NOT**:

- Include courses to work toward an advanced degree **REQUIRED** to retain the current job or pay level.
- Be **REQUIRED** to meet the minimum education requirements of the employee's current job.
- Qualify the employee for a new trade, business or new role.

Reminder: Tax waiver questions are based on current position

#### Resources

- **Education Assistance Webpage**
- **Education Assistance FAQs**
- **TAP Policy**
- **STRAP Policy**
- Information Session Recordings

#### **Application Periods**

Summer Semester

March 15 - April 15

**Fall Semester** 

June 15 - July 15

Spring Semester

October 15 - November 15

Applications <u>must</u> be <u>submitted and</u> approved by managers no later than the application deadline.

- April 15 (summer semester)
- July 15 (fall semester)
- November 15 (spring semester)

# **Questions?**

- Call the ASC at 404.385.1111
- Email the ASC at <a href="mailto:support@asc.gatech.edu">support@asc.gatech.edu</a>
- Submit a General HR Request via the Administrative Services portal

