**Entrance without a Master’s Degree**:

A student entering as a first-year student without a master’s

degree would be classified as Master’s level-1 and provided a

TA at M1 level. In his/her second year his/her status would

become Doctoral level-1 and he/she would be provided with a

TA. In their third year, the student’s status would be

classified as Doctoral level-2 and he/she would be funded

with a TA. In the fourth year in the program, the student

would be classified as a Doctoral level-3 and would be

supported with PTI funds (as available), though he/she would

be considered a TA (with tuition paid) since he/she would

have used only one year of Master’s support and two years of

doctoral support.

Year TA Status Funding

1 M1 TA funding

2 D1 TA funding

3 D2 TA funding

4 D3 PTI funding (as available), TA status

**Entrance with a prior Master’s Degree**:

A student entering with a master’s degree could enter as a

second-year student and be categorized as Doctoral level-1

and funded with TA funding. In his/her second year

(academically the equivalent of the third year in the 3-year

program), the student’s status would be classified as Doctoral

level-2 and he/she would be funded with TA funding. In

his/her third year (the equivalent of the fourth year for those

that entered without the Master’s) he/she would be considered

Doctoral level-3 and funded with TA funding. In his/her

fourth year, he/she would not have a formal TA status and

would be supported as a PTI (if funding is available).

Year TA Status Funding

1 D1 TA funding

2 D2 TA funding

3 D3 TA funding

4 None PTI funding (as available)

[NOTE: If it is determined at matriculation that a student’s

prior Master’s degree is not the equivalent of the first year of

the blended program, that student will be admitted as a first

year student, as are those admitted without a

Master’s degree.]