

## 2009-10 Graduate Assistant Health Insurance Program

In the Fall 2005 Florida International University began providing the subsidized health insurance to all graduate students holding a full-term, 20 hours per week appointment (0.5 FTE) as a Graduate Teaching Assistant (Class Code 9184), Graduate Research Assistant (Class Code 9182) or Graduate Assistant (Class Code 9185). In the remainder of this notice, all three classes will be referred to by the generic category of Graduate Assistant. Presidential Fellows and Dissertation Fellows are also included in the Graduate Assistant Health Insurance Program.

The health insurance plan is described in a brochure accessible through the website of Collegiate Risk Management [www.collegiaterisk.com](http://www.collegiaterisk.com), which is the company managing the Graduate Assistant Health Insurance Program for Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of Florida.

The subsidy is \$1,374 on an annual basis which represents approximately 75% of the premium cost. The remainder will be deducted from the student's payroll check -- one deduction each semester \$229.00 in fall and \$229.00 in spring for an academic year appointment (coverage is for 12 months); cost TBA for a new spring appointment (coverage is for spring and summer); \$138.67 for summer only.

All Graduate Assistants are **required** to have this health insurance plan unless their insurance company will certify equivalent coverage. Graduate Assistants wishing to demonstrate equivalent coverage should download the **Alternate Insurance Compliance Form 2009-2010 AY** from the UGS website [http://gradschool.fiu.edu/student\\_current\\_grad\\_assistant.htm](http://gradschool.fiu.edu/student_current_grad_assistant.htm). **This form must be submitted by the end of the Add/Drop period in each semester.** For **Fall 2009** that date is **August 28, 2009**; for **Spring 2010**, that date is **January 8, 2010**; and for **Summer 2010**, that date is **May 7, 2010**. Graduate Assistants certifying equivalent coverage will not receive a subsidy for their insurance payments.

The Graduate Assistant Health Insurance program meets all the requirements of a health insurance program for international students. International students receiving a Graduate Assistant appointment will be enrolled in this health insurance program.

Graduate Assistants may enroll their dependents on a voluntary basis by completing a dependent application form. Dependent enrollment forms may be found on-line, printed out, and mailed to Collegiate Risk Management at 110 Athens Street, Tarpon Springs, FL or by enrolling on-line via credit card. Simply follow the instructions on the applications or if questions call Collegiate Risk Management at 1-800-922-3420. The dependents must have the same coverage and enrollment dates as the students.

Graduate Assistants coverage shall become effective and terminated on the dates of the enrollment submitted as follows:

Annual	08/20/2009 — 8/19/2010
New Spring	12/15/2009 — 8/19/2010
New Summer	05/01/2010 — 8/19/2010

Please note that students must actively attend classes for at least the first 31 days of the period for which coverage is purchased (except in the case of medical withdrawal). The Company maintains its right to investigate student status and attendance records to verify that the Policy eligibility requirements have been met.

If you have questions regarding the Graduate Assistant Health Insurance Program including enrollment and eligibility or benefits and claims please visit the Collegiate Risk Management website at [www.collegiaterisk.com](http://www.collegiaterisk.com) or contact customer service at 1-800-922-3420.