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## **Estimated Non-Tuition Student Expenses 2016-2017 Academic Year**

To establish a student's financial need and the total aid a student may receive under the Federal Student Aid program, the GTU Consortial Financial Aid Office calculates an estimated Cost of Attendance (COA), or standard student budget, for each financial aid applicant. Listed below are the cost components and amounts used in determining an applicant's COA for the Fall and Spring enrollment periods. Costs incurred prior to the start of the academic year and costs that do not directly apply to the categories listed below are not generally considered when establishing a student's financial aid package. However, additions to the Cost of Attendance will be considered for dependent childcare and the one-time purchase of a computer.

The non-tuition figures listed below are based on a survey of costs incurred by students throughout the GTU consortium over the course of the nine-month academic year. Actual costs for non-tuition expenses will vary from student to student. In particular, students living in school housing may have room and board expenses below the housing and food estimates listed below. We recommend that each student create a personal budget using actual or projected costs to estimate one's budget and financial need most accurately. While expenses for family members are not factored into the COA, we suggest adding a minimum of \$7,000 for a dependent spouse and \$4,000 for a dependent child to one's personal budget for the 9-month academic year.

### **Single Student Budget**

	<b>per month</b>	<b>4-month single term</b>	<b>9-month academic year</b>
Books/Supplies		\$500	\$1,000
Housing	\$1,200	\$4,800	\$10,800
Food	\$330	\$1,320	\$2,970
Transportation	\$250	\$1,000	\$2,250
Medical		\$1,500	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	\$140	\$560	\$1,260
Loan Fee		\$110	\$220
<b>Total estimated non-tuition expenses</b>	<b>1920</b>	<b>\$9,790</b>	<b>\$21,500</b>