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HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR GRAD STUDENT TAX RETURN (AND UNDERSTAND IT, TOO!)

A tax workshop for graduate & professional students receiving stipends

Taxes are confusing! Especially when you are a funded grad/professional student! This workshop breaks down how to calculate your taxable income from your salary, stipend, fellowship, grant, and/or scholarships; minimize your tax liability using education tax benefits; and report your income, qualified education expenses, and estimated tax paid on your tax return.

Versions for:

- grad & professional students who are US citizens/residents
- grad & professional students who are nonresidents (international Students) in the US

The grad student citizen/resident version touches on the special tax situations that may apply to students under age 24 and/or who finished their bachelor's degrees in 2024. The grad student nonresident (international students) version covers how to determine whether you are a nonresident (the Substantial Presence Test), tax treaties, and the special forms nonresidents need to fill out.

Format:

This is a largely asynchronous workshop. Upon registering, you will receive your login information over email. After logging in to the workshop, you can access the module videos, transcripts, worksheets, and spreadsheets. There are also opportunities to ask questions verbally or in writing throughout tax season. NOTE: Workshop is to educate and help prepare you to file. It does not include filing your tax return or provide individualized tax advice.

Workshop is \$5.00 with the remaining cost subsidized by COGS and GROW for the first 100 MSU graduate & professional students to register.

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