



PROPOSAL TO MODIFY THE NSTP-ROTC GRANT

RATIONALE

The purpose of NSTP is stated in section 2 of RA 9163. It says that the law was passed to: 1) promote civic consciousness among the youth, 2) develop the youth's physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being, 3) inculcate in the youth patriotism and nationalism, and 4) advance the youth's involvement in public and civic affairs. Section 2 of the same law states that "in pursuit of these goals, the youth, the most valuable resource of the nation, shall be motivated, trained, organized and mobilized in military training, literacy, civic welfare and similar endeavors in the service of the nation. The NSTP Office is mandated to help materialize these goals.

In the past academic years, as observed, there is a dwindling number of cadet officers. Often cited reasons were 1) priority on academic demands and 2) limited financial support. It should be noted that before the free tuition fee law implementation, the University has been supporting deserving ROTC officers through NSTP-ROTC Grant – a university-funded non-academic financial privilege. In NSTP-ROTC grant, the grantee received a free/reduced tuition fee to qualified advance cadet officers. The grant has been productive to sustain our advance officers. With free tuition fee law, however, the NSTP-ROTC Grant was lost in transition as it was not identified in BOR Resolution 80 s. 2019. It is our appeal to modify the grant. The NSTP-ROTC Grant will attract and retain potential cadet leaders to join the ROTC corps of officers to serve the cadet corps, the University and community in general.

Table 1. Comparison of the previous NSTP-ROTC grant and the current proposal.

| | LSU-funded academic Privileges | Non- Financial | → | Current proposal |
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| Coverage | Advance Cadet Officers | | → | Basic and Advance Officers and GMA |
| Privilege | Free/Reduced Fees | Tuition | → | Stipend Particulars: Basic Officers → 500/mo Advance Officers → 500/mo GMA → 600/mo |

Guidelines, Qualifications and Requirements

Guidelines

a. ROTC Officers (basic)

1. The grantee shall complete the program of instruction for Cadet Officer Qualifying Course (COQC) set forth by the Military Science and Tactics Unit and shall present the Certificate of Completion and Declaration of Graduation as COQC. These shall be the basis for the endorsement/recommendation from the Director of NSTP.
2. The grantee can apply in the second semester of that school year (i.e., enrolled in MS 2).
3. The grantee shall maintain a good academic performance. However, if he/she incurred one failure or one INC grade, but not both, the Officer can still qualify for