

During the spring 2022 semester, Graduate Student Council (GSC) worked with student government presidents from each school as well as GSC General Assembly representatives to organize the vote on the RTA pass for public transportation. These student leaders voted for an “all-in” RTA pass for graduate and professional students (with a few exceptions). This vote was shared in the Graduate Student Council Newsletter on April 11, 2022.

The “all-in” approach allows for a reduced price charged to CWRU students providing unlimited access to public transportation in the Cleveland area. Students pay \$60 per semester in the 2022-2023 school year and \$65 per semester in the 2023-2024 school year. An RTA Transportation Fee will be automatically billed each semester on a student’s financial account in the Student Information System (SIS).

Exclusions from the RTA fee are allowed for graduate and professional students taking fully remote classes or graduate and professional students with academic activities, such as instruction, research, etc., outside of Cuyahoga County.

For students assessed an RTA fee that have academic activities, such as instruction, research, etc., outside of Cuyahoga County, they may petition to waive the RTA fee by completing a Campus Group form (link available [here](#)). The form must be received by September 9, 2022. Access Services will process the request and respond directly with the student.

Graduate and professional students may pick up the fall RTA pass sticker from their school’s designated office. An email communication will be sent with additional pickup information (date and location). Students must be registered for fall classes before a RTA sticker is issued - please allow 24 hours after registration to pick up a RTA sticker. Designated university staff will place the sticker on the student’s Case ID card.

For additional information on the RTA pass program, please visit the [Access Services](#) website, including a list of FAQs, or contact access@case.edu.

Frequently Asked Questions - Graduate and Professional Students

What is the RTA pass program?

The program, known as U-Pass, short for "Universal Pass," enables students to ride the RTA anywhere, at any time. For graduate and professional students, the \$60 fee is automatically billed each semester (Fall 2022 and Spring 2023) on a student's financial account in the Student Information System (SIS).

Are any programs excluded from the RTA pass program?

Graduate and professional students explicitly in online programs and programs outside of Cuyahoga County are excluded from the RTA pass program. Therefore, the fee will not be charged to those students.

When and where can I pick up the RTA pass sticker?

Graduate and professional students may pick up the RTA pass sticker from their school's designated office. An email communication will be sent when the sticker is available for pickup with additional pickup information (such as date and location).

I do not reside in the Cleveland area; can I waive the fee?

Graduate and professional students taking fully remote classes or graduate and professional students with academic activities, such as instruction, research, etc., outside of Cuyahoga County may petition to waive the fee by completing a Campus Group form (available [here](#)). The form must be received by September 9, 2022.

I am a part-time student; can I waive the fee?

Part-time graduate and professional students cannot waive the fee unless they are an online student or a student with academic activities, such as instruction, research, etc., outside of Cuyahoga County. A petition to waive the fee may be made by completing a Campus Group form (available [here](#)). The form must be received by September 9, 2022.

I submitted a petition to waive the RTA fee; when will my request be reviewed?

Access Services will review requests in the order received and respond directly to the student. Once approved, a waiver will be posted to the student's financial account in SIS within 3 business days. No cash refunds are issued by Access Services.

I am an employee, am I eligible for the RTA pass program for graduate and professional students?

Employees taking classes at CWRU and utilizing tuition benefits are not eligible for this RTA pass program. The \$60 fee will be removed when the tuition waiver is posted to their SIS student financial account. Please visit the [Access Services](#) website for the monthly RTA pass program for faculty and staff.