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SUBJECT  <b><i>What Can Your Department Afford?</i></b>		REVISED  04/07

Once a decision is made to hire a student employee, the department should determine what it can afford. Are there sufficient resources in the wages object classification for a regular student employee? At what pay rate? For how many hours per week? For how many weeks? What about full-time work during the semester breaks? The Federal Work Study Program is one way a department can save money and perhaps hire more students.

Federal Work Study is a federally funded student financial aid program awarded by the Office of Financial Aid to students who demonstrate financial need. Departments pay only 35% of the student's earnings while the Federal government pays the remaining 65%. If you can afford to pay 100%, you may find it useful to advertise the job as both Regular Student Employment and Federal Work Study.