

RESEARCH ASSISTANT INFORMATION

In 2009, the minimum twelve-month stipend rate on graduate research assistantships was set at \$17,605. Investigators may propose higher stipend levels to help graduate assistants offset mandatory fees, which can exceed \$1,000 per year. Please discuss an appropriate stipend level with your department chair or research unit director. **Note:** Up-to-date insurance costs and mandatory fees can be found on the Bursar's Office website http://www.umaine.edu/bursar/Tuition_and_Fees.htm.

When employing graduate student assistants it is standard to cover tuition and mandatory to cover at least one-half of the cost of health insurance. **Note:** You can request up to the full amount of graduate assistant's health insurance.

- All graduate students supported through grants as research assistants are eligible for in-state tuition rates (the differential rate is lost once the student is no longer supported through an assistantship).
- Research assistants are required to be full time students (carry at least 6 credits per semester).
- Health insurance is mandatory. Budgets should include at least half of the premium cost for each research assistant, and PIs are urged to cover the full cost.
 - Rates for 2009-2010* are:
 - Full Domestic - \$2,090
 - Full International - \$1,210
- Additional Information:
 - Fees associated with signing up for 6 credits are \$500.00

*Rates rise yearly between 7-11%

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