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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