

Estimated Simplified Student Wage and Tuition Rates

NOTE: THIS IS A SIMPLIFIED GUIDE FOR BUDGETING PURPOSES ONLY
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Office of Sponsored Projects

Academic Year Stipend for Graduate Research Assistants (GRA) **please see notes below*

Projected rates include an anticipated contracted 3% negotiated raise annually

	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
<u>Level 3</u>	24,105	24,948	25,696	26,466	27,260	28,078

Summer Rates for Graduate Research Assistants (based on hourly 40 hours a week/14 weeks)

Projected rates include an anticipated contracted 4% negotiated raise annually

	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
Level 3	18,748.80	19,404.00	19,986.12	20,585.70	21,203.27	21,839.37

Fringe Benefits for GRAs (AY & summer) and Undergraduate students (summer only)

	2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030
Academic	14.52%	18.55%	18.55%	18.55%	18.55%	18.55%
Summer	7.65%	7.65%	7.65%	7.65%	7.65%	7.65%

Per Budget Office, Fringes will be reevaluated during mid year review.

Tuition/Fees

Projected rates include expected 5% annual increases in Tuition; and 3% increase on fees

	9/1/24-5/31/25	9/1/25-5/31/26	9/1/26-5/31/27	9/1/27-5/31/28	9/1/28-5/31/29	9/1/29-5/31/30
Actual Annual						
Discounted Tuition	12,000	12,600	13,230	13,892	14,586	15,315
Fees *	2,064	727	872	1,144	1,202	1,262
Total Instate+fees	14,064	13,327	14,102	15,036	15,788	16,577

Undergraduate Student Hourly Rates (3% projected increase annually)

Level 8 \$17.75

Budget for:
34 wks
14 wks

Notes:

GRA stipends are determined by contract and subject to change.

Any student can work hourly during the academic year and summer; 20 hrs max - academic year/40 hrs - summer (see detailed rates)

Students paid hourly (not GRAs) do not qualify for fringe benefits during the academic year; 7.65% FICA - summer.

All But Dissertation (ABD) GRAs should be budgeted for stipends, fringe, fees (100%), and in-state, regional, or out-state tuition at 33.34% of the annual amount.

Undergraduate students typically do not get annual increases.

*For 2025–2026, students will be charged 35% of standard fees (Health Services, Registration, Student Services, and Technology Fee), increasing to 40% in 2026–2027 and 50% in 2027–2028