UW–Madison greatly values its graduate students and the contributions they make to the university’s academic and research excellence. We have taken important steps to invest more resources in support for graduate assistants.

**INCREASED INVESTMENT**

51.4% TA minimum stipend increase over the past 8 years

51.4% PA | 31.1% RA minimum stipend increase over the same period

**COMPETITIVE RATES**

UW–Madison has grown from one of the lowest TA minimum stipends to being above the AAU public peer median. While the university sets competitive minimum stipend rates centrally, many graduate programs offer even higher stipend levels.

**TOTAL COMPENSATION**

- $23,227 minimum stipend for a 9-month, 50% teaching or project assistantship appointment
- $12,000 tuition rate for full-time status for a Wisconsin resident non-dissertation
- $7,500 health insurance employer contribution for an individual

2023-24 Graduate assistantship compensation total = $42,727

**BENEFITS**

- State Group Health Insurance with premiums that are 50% of what faculty and staff pay
- Supplemental dental and vision coverage
- Flex spending accounts for health and dependent care
- Life insurance
- Retirement plans including 403(b) and deferred compensation programs
- Paid leave benefits, such as some legal holidays, sick leave, jury duty, and vacation (for 12-month appointments)
- Unpaid leave options may include leave of absence and family and medical leave
- Reduced-cost parking programs for semester and annual base lot permits

**SERVICES**

Important services used at significant rates by graduate students are a major reason the quality of the UW–Madison experience is so high.

- University Health Services*
- Child Care Tuition Assistance Program*
- Bus pass program* ($780 annual value)
- Ombuds Office
- Travel and research grants
- Professional and career development

*fundied through segregated fees

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

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