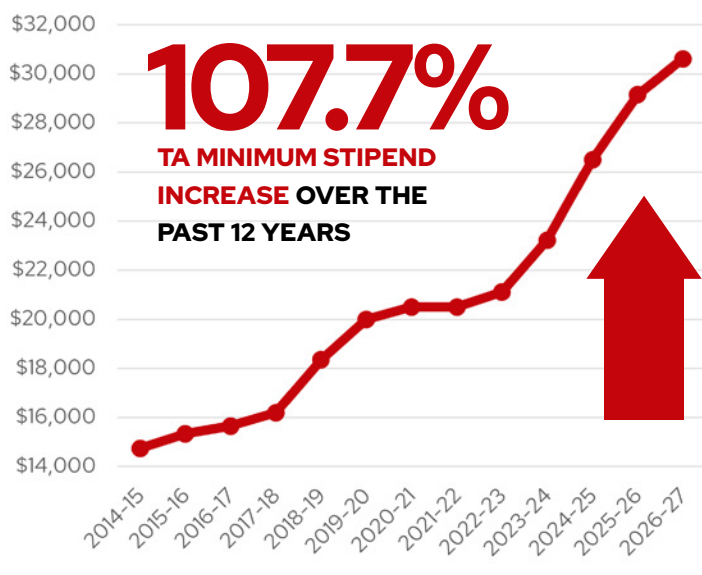


UW-MADISON SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

2026-27

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



106.8% PA | 76.3% RA
minimum stipend increase over the same period

COMPETITIVE RATES

While UW-Madison sets competitive minimum stipend rates centrally, many graduate programs offer even higher stipend levels.

TOTAL COMPENSATION

2026-27

	Teaching Assistantship (academic)	Research Assistantship (annual)	Project Assistantship (annual)
Minimum stipend (50% appointment)	\$30,614	\$37,417	\$37,417
Tuition remission (Wisc. res., non-dissertator)	\$10,727	\$12,068	\$10,727
Health insurance (employer contribution for individual, 2025)	\$9,300	\$9,300	\$9,300
Total	\$50,641	\$58,785	\$57,444

BENEFITS

- State Group Health Insurance with premiums of \$68 per month for single coverage (2026), 50% of what faculty and staff pay
- Supplemental dental and vision coverage
- Flex spending accounts for health and dependent care
- Retirement plans including 403(b) and deferred compensation programs
- Life insurance
- Paid leave benefits, such as some legal holidays, sick leave, jury duty, parental, 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*
- Ombuds Office
- Travel and research grants
- Professional and career development

*funded through segregated fees



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
grad.wisc.edu/investing-in-graduate-assistants