



**YOUNGSTOWN
STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY
GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP STIPEND**

WHEREAS, graduate assistants provide critical support for the University's instructional, research and administrative initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the University recommends revised graduate assistantship stipend levels to remain competitive in attracting and retaining outstanding graduate students; and

WHEREAS, the current graduate assistantship stipend levels have not been adjusted for increasing education and living expenses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed stipend increases support institutional priorities related to student success, research and scholarship, and workforce development.

WHEREAS, the proposed stipend increases align with the *Plan For Strategic Actions to Take Charge of Our Future* by improving the student experience.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the graduate assistantship stipend levels as shown on Exhibit A, effective Fall Semester 2027.

**Board of Trustees Meeting
September 17, 2026
YR 2027-23**



EXHIBIT A

**Proposed Graduate Assistantship Stipends (9 month)
Effective Fall, 2026**

Abbreviation	Description	Definition	Stipend Increase	2026 Stipend
GTA	Graduate Teaching Assistant	Graduate Teaching assistants (GTAs) are graduate students who are appointed to assist with or perform instructional duties under faculty supervision. Depending on the assignment and program approval, GTAs may assist with course delivery or serve as the instructor of record for designated courses or sections.	NON-STEM: +\$2,000	\$10,750
			STEM: +\$2,000	\$12,000
GRA	Graduate Research Assistant	Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) are graduate students employed to perform research and scholarly activities under the supervision of a faculty member or research supervisor, supporting the research mission of the university or a faculty member's funded research agenda, and contributing to knowledge creation, analysis, or scholarly output, regardless of discipline.	NON-STEM: +\$2,500	\$10,000
			STEM: +\$2,000	\$12,000
GAA/GAI	Graduate Administrative Assistant/Assistant Intern	A Graduate Administrative Assistant (GAA) or Graduate Assistant Intern (GAI) is a graduate student appointment that provides administrative, programmatic, operational or professional support within an academic, non-academic university unit or external sponsor. These roles are designed to offer structured, supervised professional experience aligned with the student's field of study and career development and are not primarily focused on teaching or research.	+\$2,500	\$10,000