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TO: Deans, Department Chairpersons, and Graduate Program Coordinators
    Business Service Center Directors
FR: Harry J. Richards, Dean
RE: 2011-12 Graduate Assistant Compensation

I am pleased to announce that with the support of the college deans and the Provost, base stipend rates for Graduate and Research Assistants for the 2011-12 academic year will be increased by $300 to the following levels:

**Level 1** - $14,800 all master’s students; PhD students who have only a bachelor’s degree and less than 2 years experience as a GA or RA @ UNH;

**Level 2** - $15,800 PhD students who have a master’s degree or PhD students who have only a bachelor’s degree but have at least 2 years experience as a GA or RA @ UNH;

**Level 3** - $16,800 PhD students @ candidacy.

In addition to stipends, students receive tuition waivers, a waiver of the technology fee and the Student Benefit Health Plan (health insurance) as part of their compensation package. We anticipate that the cost of the SBHP will increase by ~15% to ~$2000 for 11-12. The technology fee will increase $4 to $170.

We recognize that these base rates may still be insufficient to meet program recruitment needs. As such, programs may increase stipend levels in order to be competitive if approved by the College Dean.

Guaranteed summer support will also make our packages more competitive and I encourage you to include such support in your offers, particularly for doctoral students at a rate at least equivalent to their academic year rate. Students working ½ time in the summer (the same level of work as during the academic year) earn 1/3 of their prior academic year stipend. Students working full-time on research or combined teaching and research for the entire summer earn 2/3 of their prior academic year stipend. All other appointments are prorated.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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