

## 2020-2021 NMT Graduate Student Assistantship Stipends

Graduate assistantships in the form of RA/TA/GA are contracts created to compensate graduate students for their efforts within the department on academic activities or on tasks related to research projects. Student involvement in these research and academic activities provide an invaluable educational experience towards their professional careers. Students will gain research, teaching, and/or administrative skills under the direct supervision or mentoring of an NMT Faculty or Staff.

The student efforts on these contracts are allocated based on a full time equivalent (FTE) of a 40 hour work week. Student involvement in these activities can be at 0.25 FTE (10hrs), 0.35 FTE (14hrs) or 0.5 FTE (20hrs) level per week during the academic year. There are minimums that must be met and are prorated based on the fraction of an FTE. Compensable component, i.e. hours listed on the contract represent the average level of effort spent on the contract and should be representative of the amount work expected to complete specific tasks required by the funding source. Students are not required to work during Academic holidays and hours may be averaged over several weeks to allow flexibility to take extra time off around the holidays with approval of their supervisor.

In the case of research assistantships, the contracted work may be related to the student's thesis or dissertation, and it is expected that the completion of the work for the thesis or dissertation will consume far more time than is allocated in the graduate assistantship contract. This additional time is considered as part of their education. The research assistantship covers the compensable component of the project to be performed by the student. The non-compensable components of the student's research which are required for the successful completion of thesis or dissertation will require additional time on the part of the student.

	TA Contract Total			GA/RA Contract Total		
	0.5 FTE	0.35 FTE	0.25 FTE	0.5 FTE	0.35 FTE	0.25 FTE
<b>Fall or Spring</b>	\$11,672	\$8,170	\$5,836	\$13,172	\$9,220	\$6,586
<b>Fall and Spring</b>	\$23,344	\$16,341	\$11,672	\$26,344	\$18,441	\$13,172
<b>Summer</b>	\$5,224	\$3,657	\$2,612	\$7,474	\$5,232	\$3,737
<b>1-year</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$33,818	\$23,673	\$16,909

### Notes:

1. NMT does not provide tuition waivers
2. Fulltime registration is required for all contracts
3. Graduate assistantships are awarded at a minimum of 0.25 FTE (10 hours/week)
4. RA stipends are based on 18 weeks for Fall and Spring, and 12 weeks during the summer
5. TA stipends are tied closer to the beginning and end of a semester and as such are based on 16 weeks for Fall and Spring, and 8 weeks during the summer
6. Tuition rates is available at <https://www.nmt.edu/finaid/tuition.php>
7. All new proposals are to include at least a 5% increase per year. Exceeding minimum rates on grants is encouraged.