

2021-2022 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), 0.375 FTE (15hrs) 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.

Teaching Assistant (MS & PhD students)

HRS/Week	Summer	Fall & Spring	Fall or Spring
20	\$5,224	\$23,344	\$11,672
15	\$3,918	\$17,508	\$8,754
10	\$2,612	\$11,672	\$5,836
5	\$1,306	\$5,836	\$2,918

Teaching Assistant (PhD Candidates)

Summer	Fall & Spring	Fall or Spring
\$5,224	\$24,144	\$12,072
\$3,918	\$18,108	\$9,054
\$2,612	\$12,072	\$6,036
\$1,306	\$6,036	\$3,018

Research / Graduate Assistant*

	Summer		9 month	Fall or Spring		1 year
HRS/Week	2-month	3-month		Opt 1	Opt 2	_ you.
20	\$5,391	\$7,474	\$26,344	\$13,172	\$11,708	\$33,818
15	\$4,043	\$5,606	\$19,758	\$9,879	\$8,781	\$25,364
10	\$2,695	\$3,737	\$13,172	\$6,586	\$5,854	\$16,909
5	\$1,348	\$1,869	\$6,586	\$3,293	\$2,927	\$8,455

^{*} These amounts are minimums. Paying higher is always encouraged.

Opt 1 – 9 month divided by 2

Opt 2 – Period of performance tied to the semester start and end dates

Important Notes:

- All new proposals are to include at least a 5% increase per year. Exceeding minimum rates on grants is encouraged
- Students are not allowed to work prior to the date of the last signature on the contract.
- Contracts are due to the graduate office two weeks prior the the desired start date.
- Graduate assistantships is paid directly to the student as salary.
- Graduate students are individually responsible for the payment of tuition.
- Tuition cost is not charged to the sponsored projects.
- Registration of 12 credits is required for all contracts.
- Graduate assistantship contracts are awarded at a minimum of 0.25 FTE (10 hours).
- Tuition rates is available at https://www.nmt.edu/finaid/tuition.php
- Work by graduating international students must end with the last day of the semester.

Contract Dates

Teaching Assistant

Summer	Start: 05/31/2021	End: 07/30/2021
Fall	Start: 08/09/2021	End: 12/10/2021
Spring	Start: 01/10/2022	End: 05/14/2022

Research Assistant Option 1 or Summer 3 Month- Suggested

Summer 3 month	Continuing or graduating summer Continuing or new	Start: 05/10/2021 Start: 05/24/2021	End: 07/30/2021 End: 08/15/2021
Fall	Continuing or graduating Fall Continuing or new	Start: 08/02/2021 Start: 08/16/2021	End: 12/10/2021 End: 01/02/2022
Spring	Continuing or graduating Spring Continuing or new	Start: 01/03/2022 Start: 01/18/2022	End: 05/14/2022 End: 05/22/2022

Research Assistant Option 2 or Summer 2 Month- Suggested

Summer (2 month)	Start: 06/07/2021	End: 07/30/2021
Fall	Start: 08/16/2021	End: 12/10/2021
Spring	Start: 01/18/2022	End: 05/14/2022