

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – J
DATE: April 02-04, 2019

SUBJECT:

FY20 Graduate Assistant Stipends

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

[SDCL 13-53-6](#)

[BOR Policy 5:5 Tuition and Fees: General Procedures](#)

[BOR Policy 5:22 Graduate Assistants and Fellows](#)

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Graduate Assistant Stipends

The Board annually establishes a minimum stipend to be paid to graduate assistants. Graduate assistants are expected to work a full semester to receive the full semester compensation. Graduate assistants are expected to work the full four-week summer session to receive the full four-week session compensation. The minimum compensation may be prorated accordingly if the graduate student does not work the full semester or four-week session.

SDSU currently waives tuition for their graduate assistants and fellows as compensation for their work. Therefore, the salary minimum does not apply to SDSU.

IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board has traditionally increased the minimum amount of the graduate assistant stipends by the rate of increase in resident graduate tuition. The increase is rounded to the nearest dollar.

Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University				
Graduate Assistant Stipends	<u>FY19 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$3,758	\$124	3.30%	\$3,882
Per 4-Week Session	\$939	\$31	3.30%	\$970

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DRAFT MOTION 20190402_7-J:

I move approval of the BHSU, DSU, and NSU FY20 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$3,882 per semester and \$970 per four-week session; SDSM&T FY20 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$4,036 per semester and \$1,008 per four-week session; and USD FY20 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$4,027 per semester and \$1,006 per four-week session.

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South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

<u>Graduate Assistant Stipends</u>	<u>FY19 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$3,907	\$129	3.30%	\$4,036
Per 4 Week Session	\$976	\$32	3.30%	\$1,008

University of South Dakota

<u>Graduate Assistant Stipends</u>	<u>FY19 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY20 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$3,898	\$129	3.30%	\$4,027
Per 4 Week Session	\$974	\$32	3.30%	\$1,006

ATTACHMENTS

None