

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

**ALTERNATE
AGENDA ITEM: 6 – E (1)
DATE: April 1, 2020**

SUBJECT:

ALTERNATE: FY21 Graduate Assistant Stipends - 0% Salary Policy

CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY

- [SDCL 13-53-6](#) – Tuition Rates and Fees
- [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.

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DRAFT MOTION 20200401_6-E(1):

I move approval of the BHSU, DSU, and NSU FY21 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$27 per semester and \$7 per four-week session; SDSM&T FY21 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$28 per semester and \$7 per four-week session; and USD FY21 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$28 per semester and \$7 per four-week session.

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Graduate Assistant Stipends	<u>FY20 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY21 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$3,882	\$27	0.7%	\$3,909
Per 4-Week Session	\$970	\$7	0.7%	\$977

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology

Graduate Assistant Stipends	<u>FY20 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY21 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$4,036	\$28	0.7%	\$4,064
Per 4 Week Session	\$1,008	\$7	0.7%	\$1,015

University of South Dakota

Graduate Assistant Stipends	<u>FY20 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY21 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$4,027	\$28	0.7%	\$4,055
Per 4 Week Session	\$1,006	\$7	0.7%	\$1,013

ATTACHMENTS

None