

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Budget and Finance

AGENDA ITEM: 7 – E
DATE: March 30-31, 2021

SUBJECT

FY22 Graduate Assistant Stipends

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. Beginning in FY22, DSU will waive tuition for their graduate assistants and fellows as compensation for their work as well. Therefore, the salary minimum does not apply to SDSU and DSU.

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 20210330_7-E:

I move approval of the BHSU and NSU FY22 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$3,921 per semester and \$980 per four-week session; SDSM&T FY22 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$4,076 per semester and \$1,018 per four-week session; and USD FY22 minimum graduate assistant stipends in the amount of \$4,067 per semester and \$1,016 per four-week session.

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Black Hills State University (BHSU) and Northern State University (NSU)

Graduate Assistant Stipends	<u>FY21 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY22 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$3,882	\$39	1.0%	\$3,921
Per 4-Week Session	\$970	\$10	1.0%	\$980

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (SDSMT)

Graduate Assistant Stipends	<u>FY21 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY22 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$4,036	\$40	1.0%	\$4,076
Per 4-Week Session	\$1,008	\$10	1.0%	\$1,018

University of South Dakota (USD)

Graduate Assistant Stipends	<u>FY21 Rate</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>FY22 Rate</u>
Per Semester	\$4,027	\$40	1.0%	\$4,067
Per 4-Week Session	\$1,006	\$10	1.0%	\$1,016

ATTACHMENTS

None