



March 5, 2010

MEMORANDUM

DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES  
DEKALB, ILLINOIS 60115-2864  
815-753-9471  
FAX 815-753-1631

TO: Offices That Appoint Graduate Assistants

FROM: James Erman *James Erman*  
Interim Vice President for Research

RE: Graduate Assistantship (GA) Stipends for FY 11 (2010-11)

The Graduate Council has approved a resolution mandating that the minimum stipend amounts be increased by either the federal Consumer Price Index or the amount of increase granted faculty salaries, whichever is higher (i.e., 0.2%). The Graduate Council further resolved that departments shall determine their own individual maximum amounts, however, consent of the graduate dean should be sought for any stipends in excess of two times the minimum amounts (as listed below).

The following stipend amounts will be effective for assistantship (teaching, research, and staff) appointments beginning between August 16, 2010 and August 15, 2011.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP STIPENDS  
Fall 2010 through Summer 2011

	<u>Full-time</u>	<u>3/4-time</u>	<u>1/2 -time</u>
Official University Minimum:	\$391 semi-monthly	\$293.25 semi-monthly	\$195.50 semi-monthly

Also, please be reminded that applicable Board and University policies preclude a graduate assistant from working more than 20 hours per week (this is defined as "full-time") or from receiving other NIU salary during the time of the assistantship appointment. Occasional exceptions may be granted by the Division of Research and Graduate Studies for extra work that is brief and infrequent (e.g., short-term tutoring). An individual requesting an exception should complete the Request for Extra Employment form and submit to the Dean of the Graduate School.

cc: Vice Presidents  
Council of Deans  
Graduate Council  
Grants Fiscal  
Office of Sponsored Projects  
Jeanne Ratfield