



# COMMUNITY GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

## ABOUT

Community Graduate Research Assistants (CGRAs) are funded by community partners in the private or public sectors or by nonprofit organizations. These partnerships allow organizations to support graduate students working on cutting-edge research, scholarship, and creative activities.

## PARTNERSHIP

CGRAs work with faculty members on campus. Sponsors can contact students for occasional updates and will have the opportunity to view the final product and meet with the students to discuss it at their academic defense or other agreed-upon time. Students own the intellectual property that results from the assistantship. Additional employment outside of the assistantship may be limited based on individual circumstances.

## BENEFITS

CGRAs receive financial support as well as professional development experience. This helps graduate students progress in their programs, and it helps UNLV move toward Top Tier status.

CGRA sponsors help advance their field, build relationships with some of UNLV's best and brightest faculty and students, and benefit from the outcome of the sponsored project.



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## FUNDING

The total cost to fund a CGRA position is between \$19,110 and \$31,500 based on the student's level and discipline. Below please find the factors that determine the cost of funding each position:

## STIPENDS AND FRINGE BENEFITS

Stipends are program-specific and market-competitive. For nine months, the minimum stipend for a master's student is \$11,250 while stipends for doctoral students range from \$15K to \$22K. Program-specific amounts can be found at [unlv.edu/graduatecollege/financing](http://unlv.edu/graduatecollege/financing). Approximately 10% is added to the stipend for fringe benefits. CGRAs are required to have UNLV graduate student health insurance or proof of comparable insurance. If the student is enrolled in the campus plan, a portion of their health insurance is covered by fringe benefits, and the student is expected to cover the rest.

## TUITION/FEES

While tuition and fees vary depending on the student's program and the number of credits in which they enroll, standard annual tuition is estimated to be \$6K. The Graduate College waives non-resident tuition (\$14K) for graduate assistants.

## REINVESTMENT FEE

A 5 percent reinvestment fund contribution is currently assessed on all gifts to cover the costs associated with their administration. Funds for CGRAs are processed through the UNLV Foundation.



## ASSISTANTSHIP ESTIMATE\*

Item	Minimum Cost
Stipend including fringe	\$12,200-\$24,000
Fall tuition	\$3,000
Spring tuition	\$3,000
Non-resident tuition	Waived by the Graduate College (\$14K value)
Reinvestment fee	5%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$19,110- \$31,500</b>

\*Estimate is subject to change if stipends, fringe benefits, and/or tuition/fees change. Every effort has been made to ensure that these figures reflect current costs.

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