

Physics Graduate Student Stipend Information

Effective Academic Year 2023 – 2024

Graduate Assistant Stipend Amounts

Without Ph. D. Pass on Qualifying Exam	\$1,965.00 per month
With Ph. D. Pass on Qualifying Exam	\$2,065.00 per month
With Oral Comprehensive Pass	\$2,165.00 per month

Advisors have the option of paying Graduate Research Assistants more than the listed stipend amounts. Graduate Teaching Assistants are paid the amounts listed. Increases for passing the Qualifying Exam or Comprehensive Exam begin the following semester. Stipend amounts do not include the Graduate Additional Payment.

Graduate Additional Payment (GAP) Amounts

Academic Year Semesters 1 to 5	\$91.00 bi-weekly
Academic Year Semesters 6 and up	\$116.00 bi-weekly
Summer Semesters 1 to 5	\$60.66 bi-weekly
Summer Semesters 6 and up	\$77.33 bi-weekly

Montana State University uses a bi-weekly payroll schedule. This means that there are twenty-six pay periods in the year, ten per semester and six in the summer. The Physics Department converts the monthly stipend to a bi-weekly stipend using the following formula:

$$(\text{Monthly Stipend} * \text{Number of Months}) / \text{Number of Pay Periods} = \text{Bi-Weekly Pay}$$

Example using a stipend of \$2,200.00 per month:

$$(2200 * 12) / 26 = 1015.38 \text{ bi-weekly}$$