



# COMMUNITY INTERNSHIP GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

## ABOUT

Community Internship Graduate Assistants (CIGAs) are funded by community partners in the private, public, and non-profit sectors. These partnerships allow organizations to support graduate students by providing them hands-on experience as interns at their site. CIGAs are supervised by their UNLV faculty advisor, with onsite mentorship from their site coordinator.

## PARTNERSHIP

CIGAs are appointed by a UNLV graduate faculty member and work 20 hours per week on or off campus under the supervision of their faculty advisor in collaboration with their placement site mentor. CIGA projects and responsibilities, which must be related to the student's academic degree program, must be clearly outlined in the memorandum of understanding between UNLV and the placement site.

## BENEFITS

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

CIGA sponsors help advance their field, build relationships with some of UNLV's best and brightest faculty and students, and benefit from the graduate assistant's contributions to the organization.



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## FUNDING

The total cost to fund a CIGA is between \$19,110 and \$31,500 based on the student's level and discipline. If there is unused funding at the end of a CIGA's assistantship, funding will roll over to support a student the following year. 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. CIGAs 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 CIGAs 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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