Community Graduate Research Assistantships

About

Community Graduate Research Assistants (CGRA) 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.

Benefits

Students in CGRA positions 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.

Partnership

CGRA sponsors can contact students for occasional updates and will have the opportunity to view the final product and meet with the student to discuss it at their academic defense or another agreed-upon time.
**Funding**

The total cost to fund a CGRA position is between $17,595 and $36,720 based on the student’s level and discipline. Below please find the factors that determine the cost of funding each position:

**Stipends**
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. Summer stipends are approximately $4K to $7K. Program-specific amounts can be found at unlv.edu/graduatecollege/financing.

**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.

**Health Insurance**
CGRAs are required to have UNLV graduate student health insurance or proof of comparable insurance. If the student is enrolled in the campus plan, partners must pay a minimum of $500 per semester, and the student is expected to cover the rest.

**Reinvestment Fee**
A 2 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.

**Community Graduate Research Assistantship Estimate**

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**Total: $17,595 - $36,720**

*This estimate is subject to change if tuition/fees, health insurance, and/or stipends change. Every effort has been made to ensure that these figures reflect current costs.

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