**50% PGA RA/TA Recruitment Financial Support Offer Template**

**Instructions:**

1. **Update all areas highlighted in gray**
2. **Edit/Remove yellow highlighted text as applicable**
3. **Put on unit letterhead**
4. **Obtain unit signatures**
5. **Send draft to** **Katrina.Roalson@asu.edu** **for review and approval by Graduate College Dean**
6. **Upon return from Graduate College, send to student as a PDF and cc:** **Katrina.roalson@asu.edu**

<Date>

<First and Last Name > ASU ID #: <Ten Digit ID>

Electronically Delivered Degree Plan: Program Name, PhD/MFA

Dear <First Name>,

Congratulations on your admission to the <program name> graduate program in the <unit name>. We look forward to your joining us next year.

You have been selected as a Presidential Graduate Assistantship program recipient, which is a cohort of ~30 other graduate students at ASU. The goal of the program is to support the career development of outstanding <PhD/MFA> students with great potential for advancing the [ASU Charter](https://newamericanuniversity.asu.edu/node/25).

Selected participants of the Presidential Graduate Assistantship program will have support from both the academic unit and the Graduate College and will include:

* Cohort specific professional development opportunities for building a network and community.
* Professional development and training such as the TA training workshops, community building activities, and being part of the Preparing Future Faculty/Professionals program.
* Involvement in scholarship and research with a faculty mentor during all years of the program.

The details of the comprehensive academic financial package we are offering to support your graduate education as outlined below:

* This program is a highly competitive university-wide award and is only offered to our top graduate student prospects upon highest recommendation of the faculty in their programs. You were nominated for this award by the faculty of the <<unit name>>.
* This program provides **four** years of funding with a minimum stipend. The stipend for the 2025-26 academic year will be <$26,544> (the ASU minimum stipend) based on continued eligibility, and additionally provides support for tuition and health insurance. <<Additional stipend support from unit should be added here showing increased amount if applicable>>
* During each of the years you are funded under this appointment you will receive a tuition award for 100% of **both** <international/non-resident> and resident tuition. The current annual value of the tuition award for students enrolling in 9 credit hours is <$15,174/$30,348 for international, $13,905/$27,810 for non-residents and $6,470/$12,940 for residents>. Additional credit hours may provide an additional benefit.
* This appointment provides premium coverage for ASU individual health insurance if you elect health insurance coverage. The current estimated value of the ASU health insurance premium (based on 2023/24 rates) is <$1,045 for Fall or $1,720 for Spring/$2,765 for the academic year> **OR** (for incoming Fall international students only) <$1,258 for Fall/$1,720 for spring/$2,978 for the academic year> **OR** (for incoming Spring international students only) $1,931 for Spring. Please note, if you need health insurance, please be sure to select that option when registering for classes on myASU; if you decline, you will be without coverage from the university. The University will not cover premiums for any other insurance plan.
* In the 2025-26 academic year, the <unit name> will provide you a <University Graduate Fellowship/other fellowship funding> in the amount of <$x,xxx> through the University Student Financial Aid system in <one/two> increment(s): <$X,XXX> at the beginning of the Fall <20XX> semester and <$X,XXX> at the beginning of the Spring <20XX> semester. Any charges on your account will be paid from the award before a refund is issued.
* During the program your academic unit will work with you to determine what type of appointment you will hold for each of the four years. **Specific details will be forthcoming for the** **2025-26 academic year.**
* The above awards will be based on your actual tuition and health insurance charges and will not exceed those charges.

*Examples of additional language that can be used if multi-year funding is possible:*

1. *Graduate <Teaching Associates> have the opportunity to earn a summer stipend through engagement in <sponsored research/teaching/etc.>. For students on <a full>-time summer research appointment, typical support is <$x,xxx> but can be more depending on the availability of funds.*
2. *The <teaching> assistantship is an important part of your academic preparation but is usually only provided during the <first year>. In subsequent years, support is usually in the form of a <research> assistantship from the student’s advisor’s contracts/grants. Therefore, you must select an advisor by the end of your first semester.*

This financial support is possible for up to four years contingent on satisfactory academic progress, satisfactory conduct, and satisfactory performance of professional responsibilities. Assuming conditions precedent for additional financial support were met, the total estimated value over four years of possible support including stipend, tuition, insurance, fellowship funding, and summer support would be approximately <$xxx,xxx>.

Please note, graduate appointments are, by definition, limited term appointments and do not create any expectation for continued appointment. Graduate appointments, absent earlier termination, automatically expire at the end of the appointment term without notice of termination.

Financial Support Estimate Summary for AY 2025-2026

**[example below, all funding listed above should be reflected in grid]**

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| **Funding to Student via Payroll** | Fall 2025 | Spring 2026 | Summer 2026 | Total |
| Stipend | <$13,272.00> | <$13,272.00> | <$x,xxx.xx> | <$26,544.00> |
| **Funding to Student via Student Account** |  |  |  |  |
| Tuition (Not to exceed actual costs) | <$13,905.00> | <$13,905.00> | <$x,xxx.xx> | <$27,810.00> |
| Health Insurance | <$1,045.00> | <$1,720.00> | <$x,xxx.xx> | <$2,765.00> |
| UGF/Other Funding | <$x,xxx.xx> | <$x,xxx.xx> | <$x,xxx.xx> | <$x,xxx.xx> |
| **Total Estimated Award** | **<$28,222.00>** | **<$28,897.00>** | **<$x,xxx.xx>** | **<$57,119.00>** |

Payment of Stipend and Other Awards

* Additional details about funding related to your appointment for the 2025-26 academic year will be forthcoming.
* This 50% FTE, 20 hours per week appointment (ASU’s equivalent of a full-time opportunity and the maximum appointment amount at ASU) will be implemented through Arizona State University’s payroll system, and your stipend will be paid out in installments on a bi-weekly basis based on the [ASU payroll calendar](https://cfo.asu.edu/payroll-calendars).
* During this appointment, you will receive a rate of <$x,xxx.xx> per pay period during the <academic year pay periods (8/16/26 – 5/15/26)/Fall semester pay periods (8/16/25 – 12/31/25)/Spring semester pay periods (01/01/26 – 5/15/26)> in which you are appointed. **Partial pay periods will be prorated. Please see the** [**ASU payroll calendar**](https://cfo.asu.edu/payroll-calendars) **for information about when you will receive your first paycheck.** For the summer appointment, your start date will be <xx/xx/xxxx> through <xx/xx/xxxx>. There are 26 pay periods annually, 20 in the academic year and 6 in the summer semester.
* Your fellowship <award/awards> will be disbursed in two increments: <$X,XXX> at the beginning of the Fall <20XX> semester and <$X,XXX> at the beginning of the Spring <20XX> semester.
* If you have applied for and/or received financial aid, acceptance of this appointment may decrease your financial aid funding eligibility. Please consult Financial Aid and Scholarship Services if you have additional questions.
* Please note that your assistantship stipend will be subject to appropriate tax deductions, and it is your responsibility to understand the costs of benefits and tax implications of your appointment. If you have any questions about the tax implications of your appointment, please consult your tax advisor. ASU staff does not provide tax advice.
* The RA/TA appointment is contingent on the availability of funds to support the appointment which may terminate if funding is no longer available.

Fees and Program Tuition

Note that appointments do not cover university mandatory fees, program tuition and/or fees for the academic year or summer sessions; these are the responsibility of the student. For more information of the ASU cost of attendance visit <https://students.asu.edu/standard-cost-attendance>.

Health Insurance

As noted above, premiums for ASU individual health insurance are covered by the university for students in this program. If you need health insurance, please be sure to select that option when registering for classes on myASU; if you decline, you will be without coverage from the university. Premiums for any other insurance plan will not be covered.

Applicable Laws, Rules, Regulations, and Policies

This appointment is subject to all applicable federal and state laws, as well as all rules, regulations, and policies that are set by the Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and Arizona State University. These include, but are not limited to, the Student Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures and the Prohibition Against Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation. Graduate appointment offers are contingent upon the satisfactory outcome (as determined by the university) of certain screening activities (including veriﬁcation of ability to work in the United States and a [background](https://cfo.asu.edu/background-fingerprints) or [ﬁngerprint check](https://cfo.asu.edu/background-fingerprints)).

Offer Acceptance

Please inform us in writing of your decision to accept this financial offer no later than April 15, 20<XX>. In accordance with the [Council of Graduate Schools’ (CGS) resolution](https://cgsnet.org/resources/for-current-prospective-graduate-students/april-15-resolution), you may consider other offers of financial support until the April 15 deadline, but any decision after April 15 is an obligation that you are expected to honor. Likewise, we will honor this offer until the April 15 deadline, after which point it will be rescinded unless you are informed in writing that the deadline for a decision has been extended. Although you are under no obligation to accept this offer prior to April 15, please let us know as soon as you have made a decision so that we may extend offers to other prospective students if possible.

Please indicate your decision regarding this funding offer by signing below and returning the signed document to: <name, email, phone>. Once your signed acceptance is received, in order to accept your academic appointment, you will receive an official <Research/Teaching> <Assistant/Associate> appointment letter which contains the specific terms and conditions of the academic appointment which you must sign and return. In addition, the appointing department will provide you with additional information regarding graduate student and university orientations and required training as well as departmental and payroll information. Please note that a failure to sign and return the appointment letter in the time provided will result in the termination of the appointment.

Congratulations once again on your outstanding academic achievements that qualified you for admission and this offer of academic financial support. We appreciate your interest in our program and faculty. We look forward to having you play a more active and valuable role in <Unit Name>. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

<Name> Elizabeth A. Wentz

<Title/Position> Vice Provost and Dean

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **I am pleased to accept this funding offer.**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to accept this funding offer and understand that if I attend ASU, the costs associated with my attendance are solely my responsibility.

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First Name Last Name Signature Date

Cc: Katrina Roalson, Executive Director, Business Services and Administration, Graduate College

Funding Source and Gportal Financial Information

PG/GF/GR:

HR Dept Code:

Supervisor ID: