



GSA Bill #5

A bill regarding the increase in minimum stipend for academic year 2023-24.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) exercises the student governance of
2 affairs solely involving graduate students as delegated by the Association of Students of the
3 University of Nebraska (ASUN); and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, the GSA voted to focus on graduate student stipends during the 2022-23
6 session (GSA Bill #1); and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Office of Scholarships &
9 Financial Aid estimates cost of housing, books/supplies, and personal expenses (excluding
10 student fees) to be \$20,012 for the academic year 2023-24; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, the UNL Office of Graduate Studies' Financial Resource Certification for
13 Graduate Admission uses UNL Office and Scholarships & Financial Aid's data; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, the estimated fees and insurance cost during the 2022-23 academic year for
16 students on assistantships was \$2,403; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, the GSA's initial comparison with some Big10 peer universities estimate
19 their equivalent minimum stipends range from \$17,386 to \$32,260 and average \$22,495; and,
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21 **WHEREAS**, the average UNL graduate student stipend is \$19,410; and,
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23 **WHEREAS**, Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) Ankerson and the Office of Graduate
24 Studies have increased the minimum academic year stipend to \$14,000 (at 0.49 FTE) for the
25 2023-24 academic year; and,
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27 **WHEREAS**, both \$14,000 and \$19,410 are less than the \$22,415 estimated cost of
28 attendance for single graduate students receiving tuition remission and our Big10 peers' average.
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30 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the GSA continue to advocate for a
31 sustainable path to increasing graduate student stipends; and,
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33 **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the GSA expresses its gratitude to
34 those made this increase possible, such as Chancellor Green, EVC Ankerson, and Dean Hope,
35 and will provide this document to whom it may concern regarding graduate student stipends at
36 UNL.



Referred to	Assembly	DATE 2/7/2023
Committee action	Not applicable	DATE
Floor action	Passed	DATE 2/7/2023
Presidential Signature		DATE 2/7/2023



UNL cost of attendance

[2023-2024 Estimated Cost of Attendance | Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid | Nebraska \(unl.edu\)](#)

Financial Resource Certification

[Financial Resource Certification \(unl.edu\)](#)

Graduate Student Tuition and Fees

[Graduate/Professional Tuition | Student Accounts | Nebraska \(unl.edu\)](#)

GSA Stipend Comparison

[GSA News & Reports | Graduate Student Assembly | Nebraska \(unl.edu\)](#)

Minimum stipend for graduate students is increased (Feb 1, 2023)

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