

Funding

Qualified applicants can receive financial support from the graduate group, including assistantships, scholarships, and grants. The level of support ranges from full stipend plus tuition to non-resident fees for those who are not California residents. Virtually all continuing students are supported.

Campus support is also available. An application form for fellowships and scholarships is available on the Graduate Studies website. The deadline is **January 15**. Contact the office of Graduate Studies, Student Support, for additional information.

1. Compensation plan for Graduate Student Researcher (GSR)

The Agricultural and Environmental Chemistry (AGC) offers M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. AGC students are compensated under the Graduate Student Research (GSR) title following the UC merit-based salary scale. The current support policy for AGC students is as follows:

Masters Student: Step VI at 47.73%

Doctoral Student (not yet advanced to candidacy): Step VI at 47.73%

Doctoral Student (advanced to candidacy): Step VII at 47.73%

Students who have advanced to candidacy are recognized with an increase in merit. It is the student's responsibility to notify his or her major professor and payroll personnel when such a change occurs.

GSR steps at 100% time through the 2007 calendar year is as follows:

GSR Step VI: \$44,496 annually/ \$3,708 monthly

GSR Step VII: \$48,060 annually/ \$4,005 monthly

The actual monthly salary is determined based on the appointment percentage of the step, which is 47.73 % time. Student employment at less than 50% of time does not accrue paid vacation, sick leave or retirement benefits. All GSR appointments above 25% and not exceeding 50% time will receive remission of in-state fees and Graduate Student Health Insurance Premium (GSHIP).

2. Student Employment through Teaching Assistantship

Enrolled students may also be funded through Teaching Assistantship (TAship). The amount of TAship compensation is determined by Graduate Studies. The current pay for a TAship appointment at 100% time through the 2007 calendar year is as follows:

TA: \$31,221 annually/ \$3,469 monthly

Actual monthly salary is determined based on the appointment percentage for the TAship, which is determined by the academic department offering this paid position.

TAship appointments above 25% and not exceeding 50% time will receive partial remission of in-state fees and full remission of GSHIP.

3. Exceptions

The pay schedule described above is not a guarantee. In general, AGC students will be compensated by their major professor's program and home department based on the GSR schedule described above. Where grant or other project funding issues arise, an exception may occur and students should consult with their major professor.

Based on the student's requirements and the major professor's grant abilities, the major professor or home department is permitted to increase the appoint time. For example, GSR appointments during the summer may be above 50%. Student employment greater than 50% accrues benefits such as paid vacation and sick leave. Participation in the University of California retirement plan (DCP casual) is also possible.

A copy of the AGC Graduate Student Researcher agreement may be sent to the student or forwarded to payroll personnel by contacting Peggy Royale at Pbroyale@ucdavis.edu questions or concerns can be directed to the graduate group chair, AGC student officers or me.

Treasurer,
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