

Job Title	Qualifications	FLSA Classification	Hourly Rate (non-exempt classification)		Full Academic Year (2026-27) Salary/Stipend		Fall 2026 or Spring 2027 Semester Salary/Stipend		Summer 2027 Salary/Stipend	
			min	max	min	max	min	max	min	max
Graduate Assistant	Enrolled in a Masters or PhD program	Non-exempt - Hourly	16.00	30.00	N/A		N/A		N/A	
Graduate Teaching Assistant-Masters	Enrolled in a Masters program	Exempt - biweekly	N/A		13,750	23,000	6,875	11,500	4,583	7,667
Graduate Teaching Assistant - PhD	Enrolled in a PhD program	same as above	N/A		23,000	28,250	11,500	14,125	7,667	9,417
Graduate Research Assistant - Masters	Enrolled in a Masters program	student, not employee	N/A		13,750	23,000	6,875	11,500	4,583	7,667
Graduate Research Assistant - PhD	Enrolled in a PhD program	same as above	N/A		23,000	28,250	11,500	14,125	7,667	9,417*

Graduate Assistants are paid for actual hours worked during the appointment period.

Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTAs) are paid a bi-weekly salary beginning in September and ending in May. If the GTA is not continuously engaged in teaching responsibilities during Fall and Spring semesters, an individual appointment can be made for a single semester.

Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) appointed for a full academic year receive bi-weekly stipend payments beginning in September and ending in May. If the GRA is not continuously engaged in research responsibilities during Fall and Spring semesters, an individual appointment can be made for a single semester.

GRA Masters and PhD must meet the following requirements: 1) matriculated in a Masters or PhD degree program; 2) conducting original, professional-level research which is primarily for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements for an advanced degree (i.e. the research is related to the student's field of study); 3) the research is performed under the supervision of an RIT faculty member; and 4) the research environment is provided by RIT. Per the U.S. Department of Labor, no employment relationship exists between the graduate student (who meets the criteria listed above) and the University; therefore, GRAs are considered to be "students" and not "employees" (i.e. not covered by the FLSA

For students who work throughout the calendar year, please add the academic year minimum rates to the summer minimum rates to determine the calendar year minimums.

*Note: Summer stipend rates may exceed standard maximum pay limits where permitted by external funding agencies and approved by the department.