

# UW-Madison School of Social Work

## PhD Student Funding Information 2020-21

TA, PA, and RA positions include a stipend, paid tuition, eligibility for health insurance.

**Teaching Assistant (TA)** positions at the School of Social Work are given to doctoral and MSW students at a minimum of 33.4% appointment per semester. These positions are appointed by the PhD Program Chair and are supervised by the course instructor. **Project Assistant (PA)** positions vary in the appointment percentage, ranging from 33.4% to 75%, for a 9- to 12-month period. These positions are appointed by individual faculty and enable students to work closely on the faculty member's research projects. **Research Assistant (RA)** positions also vary in the appointment percentage, ranging from 33.4% to 50%, typically for a 12-month period. RAs are distinguished from PAs in that they are typically given work assignments related to their own educational pursuits.

	Appointment Level	Total Stipend*	Monthly Stipend
TA	Academic (9 month)* @ 33.4%	\$13,694	\$1,522
	Academic (9 month) @ 40.0%	\$16,400	\$1,822
	Academic (9 month) @ 50.0%	\$20,500	\$2,278
PA	Academic (9 month) @ 33.4%	\$13,694	\$1,522
	Academic (9 month) @ 50.0%	\$20,500	\$2,278
	Annual (12 month) @ 33.4%	\$16,737	\$1,395
	Annual (12 month) @ 50.0%	\$25,056	\$2,088
RA	Academic (9 month) @ 33.4%	\$13,563	\$1,507
	Academic (9 month) @ 50.0%	\$20,304	\$2,256
	Annual (12 month) @ 33.4%	\$16,577	\$1,381
	Annual (12 month) @ 50.0%	\$24,816	\$2,068

\*One semester appointments are = ½ of a 9-month appointment

### Additional Resources

- For current tuition rates: <https://bursar.wisc.edu/tuition-and-fees/tuition-rates>
- For health coverage information: <https://hr.wisc.edu/benefits/#benefit-plan-information>
- For other job opportunities on campus: <https://studentjobs.wisc.edu>
- For maximum levels of appointments: <https://grad.wisc.edu/documents/maximum-levels-of-appointments/>