MEMORANDUM

TO: Deans, Directors and Chairpersons

FROM: Theodore H. Curry, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President, Academic Human Resources

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SUBJECT: Graduate Assistantship Stipend Increases – 2016-17

The MSU Board of Trustees approved a 3% increase to stipend ranges for graduate assistants holding research or administrative appointments. As part of the Graduate Employees Union (GEU) agreement, a 2% increase in the minimum stipend level has been negotiated for teaching assistants.

The 2016-17 graduate assistant specific identification (SI) charge is $6,204 per semester for fall and spring, $2,331 per semester for summer. There is no health charge for summer semester. Bi-weekly amounts will be for eleven (11) pay periods in fall 2016 and eleven (11) pay periods in spring 2017, with the first and last pay periods prorating accordingly.

The health portion of the SI charge for fall and spring is $1,504 ($152 bi-weekly for fall 2016 and $156 bi-weekly for spring 2017), with the remaining $4,700 ($477 bi-weekly for fall 2016 and $487 bi-weekly for spring 2017) covering the tuition. The tuition charge for summer 2017 is $355 bi-weekly.

Fringes for Health (object code 6516) and Tuition and Fees (object code 6230) will be charged with each bi-weekly payroll.

Minimums for designated groups have been updated for the 2016-17 period and are available on the HR website:
http://www.hr.msu.edu/hiring/studentemployment/gradasst/stipendRanges.htm#spec ific

Information regarding the impact to appointments previously submitted will be sent under separate cover from Human Resources.