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Subject: FY2016 RA/TA Stipends

In discussion with the Provost, we have established the new ranges for the monthly stipends of full-time research and teaching assistants in the Schools of Science and Engineering for fiscal year 2016. If individual departments in the Schools of Science and Engineering wish to deviate from these ranges by an amount outside the high and low ranges, they must submit a written request and receive approval from the School Dean, the Dean for Graduate Education and the Vice President for Research. Departments and graduate programs in other schools should establish stipends consistent with these ranges and subject to written approval of the School Dean, the Dean for Graduate Education and Vice President for Research. Please be aware that it is required that we maintain written documentation of approval on all graduate program rates that deviate from the established ranges.

***Stipends:***

The graduate student stipend rate will be increased by 3.7% in FY16. The stipends are:

<b><u>STIPEND LEVELS</u></b>	<b><u>FY2016</u></b>	<b><u>Annual (12 mo.) Stipend</u></b>	<b><u>High Range +15%</u></b>	<b><u>Low Range -10%</u></b>
<b><u>RA:</u></b>				
Science & Engineering Doctoral	\$2,874	\$34,488	\$39,661	\$31,039
Engineering (SM Level)	\$2,626	\$31,512	\$36,239	\$28,361
<b><u>TA:</u></b>				
Science & Engineering (Contact)	\$2,943	\$35,316	\$40,613	\$31,784
Engineering (Support)	\$2,653	\$31,836	\$36,611	\$28,652

***Health Insurance:***

Please note that as of the release of this memo, updated rates for the Student Extended Insurance Program (SEIP) are not available. A second memo will be circulated as soon as those figures are finalized.

***Tuition:***

Tuition for FY2016 will be \$46,400. This reflects a 3.75% increase over this year's tuition.

***Student Life Fee:***

The student life fee will be increased to \$304 in FY16.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

cc: Rafael Reif (President)  
Martin Schmidt (Provost)  
Israel Ruiz (Executive Vice President and Treasurer)