

Table 29  
Financial Assistance for First-Year and Advanced Graduate Students in U.S. Departments by Degree  
Level and Institution Type, 2009-10:  
Average Stipend Amounts and Hours Worked

|                                                             |                           |        | Doctoral |          | Master's |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                                             |                           |        | Public   | Private  | Public   | Private  |
| Teaching assistantships for 1 <sup>st</sup> -year students  | Average amount paid/year  | Median | \$12,623 | \$14,000 | \$6,502  | \$3,675  |
|                                                             |                           | Q1     | \$10,000 | \$6,000  | \$4,049  | \$1,500  |
|                                                             |                           | Q3     | \$15,000 | \$19,200 | \$8,000  | \$9,000  |
|                                                             |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
|                                                             | Average hours/week worked | Median | 20.0     | 17.0     | 20.0     | 14.5     |
|                                                             |                           | Q1     | 17.5     | 10.0     | 10.0     | 9.5      |
|                                                             |                           | Q3     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     |
|                                                             |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
| Research assistantships for 1 <sup>st</sup> -year students  | Average amount paid/year  | Median | \$12,933 | \$6,425  | \$6,574  | \$3,150  |
|                                                             |                           | Q1     | \$9,829  | \$1,550  | \$4,160  | \$2,000  |
|                                                             |                           | Q3     | \$15,000 | \$17,000 | \$9,000  | \$6,150  |
|                                                             |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
|                                                             | Average hours/week worked | Median | 20.0     | 12.0     | 18.0     | 12.5     |
|                                                             |                           | Q1     | 20.0     | 10.0     | 10.0     | 9.5      |
|                                                             |                           | Q3     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     |
|                                                             |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
| Traineeships for 1 <sup>st</sup> -year students             | Average amount paid/year  | Median | \$14,516 | \$15,000 | \$6,000  | \$6,750  |
|                                                             |                           | Q1     | \$11,443 | \$6,021  | \$5,000  | \$3,375  |
|                                                             |                           | Q3     | \$20,000 | \$20,874 | \$6,831  | \$10,200 |
|                                                             |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
|                                                             | Average hours/week worked | Median | 20.0     | 11.0     | 13.0     | 17.0     |
|                                                             |                           | Q1     | 2.5      | .0       | 10.0     | 9.0      |
|                                                             |                           | Q3     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 15.0     | 20.0     |
|                                                             |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
| Fellowships/scholarships for 1 <sup>st</sup> -year students | Average amount paid/year  | Median | \$15,000 | \$5,200  | \$2,000  | \$2,170  |
|                                                             |                           | Q1     | \$7,750  | \$1,500  | \$1,000  | \$1,350  |
|                                                             |                           | Q3     | \$18,662 | \$20,000 | \$6,500  | \$4,250  |
|                                                             |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
|                                                             | Average hours/week worked | Median | 7.5      | .0       | .0       | .0       |
|                                                             |                           | Q1     | .0       | .0       | .0       | .0       |
|                                                             |                           | Q3     | 20.0     | 10.0     | 20.0     | 17.5     |
|                                                             |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
| Teaching assistantships for advanced students               | Average amount paid/year  | Median | \$13,534 | \$6,000  | \$7,000  | \$3,288  |
|                                                             |                           | Q1     | \$10,297 | \$3,000  | \$4,349  | \$1,625  |
|                                                             |                           | Q3     | \$15,660 | \$16,850 | \$8,550  | \$8,950  |
|                                                             |                           |        |          |          |          |          |

Table 29 continued

|                                                       |                           |        | Doctoral |          | Master's |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                                       |                           |        | Public   | Private  | Public   | Private  |
| Teaching assistantships for advanced students, cont'd | Average hours/week worked | Median | 20.0     | 10.0     | 20.0     | 10.0     |
|                                                       |                           | Q1     | 18.0     | 10.0     | 10.0     | 8.0      |
|                                                       |                           | Q3     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     |
|                                                       |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
| Research assistantships for advanced students         | Average amount paid/year  | Median | \$13,682 | \$6,600  | \$6,667  | \$3,400  |
|                                                       |                           | Q1     | \$10,592 | \$2,200  | \$5,000  | \$2,200  |
|                                                       |                           | Q3     | \$15,773 | \$17,000 | \$9,000  | \$6,200  |
|                                                       |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
|                                                       | Average hours/week worked | Median | 20.0     | 12.0     | 16.0     | 10.0     |
|                                                       |                           | Q1     | 20.0     | 10.0     | 10.0     | 8.3      |
|                                                       |                           | Q3     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     |
|                                                       |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
| Traineeships for advanced students                    | Average amount paid/year  | Median | \$13,569 | \$15,000 | \$5,000  | \$7,375  |
|                                                       |                           | Q1     | \$10,513 | \$7,797  | \$4,098  | \$2,250  |
|                                                       |                           | Q3     | \$20,000 | \$20,849 | \$7,334  | \$11,300 |
|                                                       |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
|                                                       | Average hours/week worked | Median | 20.0     | 15.0     | 15.0     | 20.0     |
|                                                       |                           | Q1     | 15.0     | 10.0     | 10.0     | 9.0      |
|                                                       |                           | Q3     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     | 20.0     |
|                                                       |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
| Fellowships/scholarships for advanced students        | Average amount paid/year  | Median | \$15,000 | \$5,000  | \$2,300  | \$2,400  |
|                                                       |                           | Q1     | \$10,000 | \$1,500  | \$750    | \$1,500  |
|                                                       |                           | Q3     | \$18,756 | \$18,625 | \$6,500  | \$5,000  |
|                                                       |                           |        |          |          |          |          |
|                                                       | Average hours/week worked | Median | 10.0     | .0       | .0       | 5.0      |
|                                                       |                           | Q1     | .0       | .0       | .0       | .0       |
|                                                       |                           | Q3     | 20.0     | 15.0     | 20.0     | 15.0     |

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