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FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY.

Dear Faculty and Students,

Florida Atlantic University's graduate teaching assistants (GTAs) play an essential role in support of our core teaching mission. For several years, faculty and others have advocated for an increase in GTA stipends. To show appreciation for this important work, we are taking steps to address these concerns – effective immediately. The Provost's Office is making a one-time investment to increase the minimum pay for GTAs, which will result in a stipend increase for many master's and doctoral students on eligible teaching assistantships. The University has committed to then cover the costs of these increases on a recurring basis.

As of January 2023, the minimum pay for master's-level GTAs will be \$16 per hour (equivalent to \$12,160 for 9-month appointments) and the minimum pay for doctoral-level GTAs will be \$25 per hour (equivalent to \$19,000 for 9-month appointments). This new minimum rate amounts to a nearly \$12 per hour raise for some doctoral-level GTAs, resulting in more equitable pay across our various colleges and departments.

We want to thank the individuals in the Provost's Office and the CFO's Office who worked hard to figure out a way to cover the costs for these increases on an immediate and permanent basis. This investment will make a difference in the lives of hundreds of graduate students who have taught, mentored, and served the undergraduate students at Florida Atlantic.

Hopefully this good news will brighten your days as it has brightened ours. We wish all of our students and faculty members continued success in the year ahead.

Sincerely,

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