

August 21, 2026

Dear Graduate Assistants,

In our ongoing commitment to supporting graduate education, the University of Maryland, Baltimore leadership team is pleased to announce an increase to our Graduate Assistantship (GA) stipends. Graduate Assistants are vital to the UMB mission to improve the human condition and serve the public good of Maryland and society at-large through education, research, clinical care, and service. You provide invaluable support to the high-quality research and teaching endeavors that occur every day at UMB.

[New stipend levels](#) will be effective September 1, 2026. UMB Graduate Assistants will see an increase in their pay in the September 25, 2026 paycheck. Visiting Graduate Assistants should contact their home departments and programs to identify any increases.

We will continue to work collaboratively with the Graduate Assistants Advisory Committee (GAAC) through Meet and Confer (M&C) to improve the stipend review process. Meet and Confer is a forum where Graduate Assistants can formally raise concerns with the University of Maryland, Baltimore administration on a wide variety of topics, including stipends, student health insurance, campus parking and transportation, equity, and campus safety. If you have a concern you would like raised at M&C or are interested in serving as a student representative on the GAAC, email the Graduate Student Association (GSA) President at umb.gsa.president@gmail.com.

I wish to acknowledge and thank the members of the GAAC for their commitment to the students they serve and for maintaining a healthy and productive relationship with university leadership. Graduate Assistants as students contribute significantly to the success of our university mission and we recognize and value that contribution. As such, we will always remain committed to finding mutually beneficial solutions to the challenges faced by our graduate students.

Sincerely,

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