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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 13, 2009

**TO:** Cockrell School of Engineering Faculty

**FROM:** John G. Ekerdt  
Associate Dean for Research and  
Dick Rothwell Endowed Chair in Chemical Engineering

**SUBJECT:** Proposal Information - Graduate Tuition/Fees and Increased GRA Stipend Support for the 2009-10 Academic Year

Please find below a few helpful figures and guidelines for preparing proposals. Please note that the Cockrell School of Engineering's minimum stipend rate for Graduate Research Assistants increases as of the Fall 2009 semester.

Graduate Student Tuition/Fees

The Cockrell School requires that tuition and fees are included on all proposals that support graduate students. The information below provides a 9-hour appointment as an example. If a student is registered for 12 hours, then the amount should be increased accordingly. Graduate students are charged a flat rate tuition, which includes mandatory fees and college and course incidental fees. The following graduate tuition/fees information from the Office of the Registrar should be used as a guideline for estimating costs:

\$4,207 Fall 2009 9 hours  
\$4,207 Spring 2010 9 hours  
\$1,573 Summer 2010 3 hours (12-week session)

Stipend Support - As of Fall 2009 Semester (new rate increase)

Each graduate program should strive to make competitive GRA offers and each program should benchmark the profile of typical offers from peer and aspirational peer programs. The GRA offers will likely vary from program to program and offers should be set after considering what the competition has done last year and will likely do for 2009-10. The Cockrell School sets a minimum stipend.

All Cockrell School students will be paid a minimum of \$1,333 per month for a 20-hour a week appointment when appointed to Graduate Research Assistant (GRA).

- Based on a full-time equivalent, 12-month base annual salary of \$32,000
- Exceptions to this GRA appointment policy can be made with the approval of the Associate Dean for Research.

Indirect Costs - Facilities and Administrative Cost Rate

The indirect cost rate is 52% of modified total direct costs (MTDC). PRC is considered on-campus and is charged the full rate. For further information, contact my office at 471-2125 or the Office of Sponsored Projects at 471-6424. The OSP web site is: <http://www.utexas.edu/research/osp/>

Effective Period	Rate (%)	Locations	Applicable To
9/1/08 - 8/31/10	26.0	Off Campus	Research
9/1/08 - 8/31/10	52.0	On Campus	Research