

## Financial Support

Teaching assistantships and/or fellowship support are available for incoming graduate students. Students in good standing after the first semester are generally supported by either teaching or research assistantships.

In 2012, the salary for a graduate teaching assistantship (GTA) was \$23,203 for the calendar year. The salary for 2013 will be at least this level.

This appointment also includes a full waiver of out-of-state tuition (approximately \$13,272 per semester) for non-residents. The students only pay nominal registration and activities fees each semester, approximately \$450 per semester in 2012. [Health insurance](#) <sup>[1]</sup> is also provided.

During the summer, research assistantships and a few teaching assistantships will generally be available to students. However, assistantship support for the summer prior to initiating graduate studies is generally not available. Typically, new graduate students entering our program start with a teaching assistantship in their first semester.

## Cost of Living

Tucson is an affordable city, with a cost of living below the national average. Tucson was chosen as the fifth best place in America to live in 2006 by MSN.com, out of a field of 331 communities. The ranking takes into account the [cost of living](#) <sup>[2]</sup>, crime rate, education, home prices and weather.

[Graduate](#) <sup>[3]</sup>

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[2] [http://www.bestplaces.net/cost\\_of\\_living/city/arizona/tucson](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/city/arizona/tucson)

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