



**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS
GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER COMPENSATION PLAN**
(Effective Winter Quarter 2010)

The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at UC Davis is recognized nationally and internationally for the quality of its graduate programs.

This graduate program emphasizes state-of-the-art training in economic theory and quantitative methods, with specialty fields in agricultural economics, economic development, environmental economics, natural resource economics, econometrics, and international policy and trade. Graduates of this program hold positions of distinction in academia, government, international organizations, and industry around the world. The graduate program has consistently ranked as one of the top graduate programs in the world.

Ph.D. students are usually employed either as Teaching Assistants (TA), or Graduate Student Researchers (GSR). Due to differential compensation policies, TA's are currently compensated at a higher monthly rate. In order to remain competitive with other institutions, and compensate all Ph.D. students in our program at the same rate, we propose that our standard GSR commitment be as follows:

Master's Students	
Financial support typically not guaranteed	
Master's/M.B.A. Students	
Financial support typically not guaranteed	
Ph.D. Students	
Financial commitment detailed in letter of financial commitment upon admission to the program. GSR employment allocated based on availability and approval of Graduate Advisor.	Compensation: Academic year - Step V, up to 46.90% Summer quarter - Step V, up to 100%

Employment of M.S. students, as well as additional employment of Ph.D. students (e.g., summer or greater than 50%), can be offered in exceptional circumstances (e.g., shortage of available GSRs, grant funding for a specific project that a student is working on).