

Executive Summary

AAUDE Survey of Graduate Assistant Stipends



Comparison of Texas A&M with Peer Institutions

Each year Texas A&M University participates in the Association of American University Data Exchange (AAUDE) Survey of Graduate Assistant Stipends (SGAS). SGAS collects data from the academic year's fall semester although the report is titled for a fiscal year. It is assumed that information from the fall semester will be representative of the fiscal year (FY). SGAS also gathers information on graduate assistant support at the institutional and program levels. Average dollar amounts are weighted by Full-Time-Equivalency (FTE), which is defined as half-time appointment for an academic/fiscal year, on the 9-month or 10-month basis. Methods of support contain both student's (*How much net cash do I get paid?*) and institution's (*How much cash and lost tuition and required fee revenue does the university spend?*) views.

This report presents both current and trend data at the institutional level. Most trend data cover FY 2002 to FY 2007. Stipends are compared between Texas A&M University and our Vision 2020 peer universities, whenever data is available. Dollar amounts cited are absolute values without any adjustment. However, the 2007 Runzhemier Report of Living Cost Standards Index is listed on Page 4 of this report.

Teaching Assistants

Texas A&M teaching assistants received an average of \$12,547 cash salary in FY 2007, which is for about 84.71% of our peer's average, and ranked the lowest among the eleven universities whose data are available. In the six-year period, our teaching assistant's salary grew at a lower rate (6.74%) than our peers (15.66%) (Figure 1; Table 1).

Figure 1. Teaching Assistants: Average Cash Salary

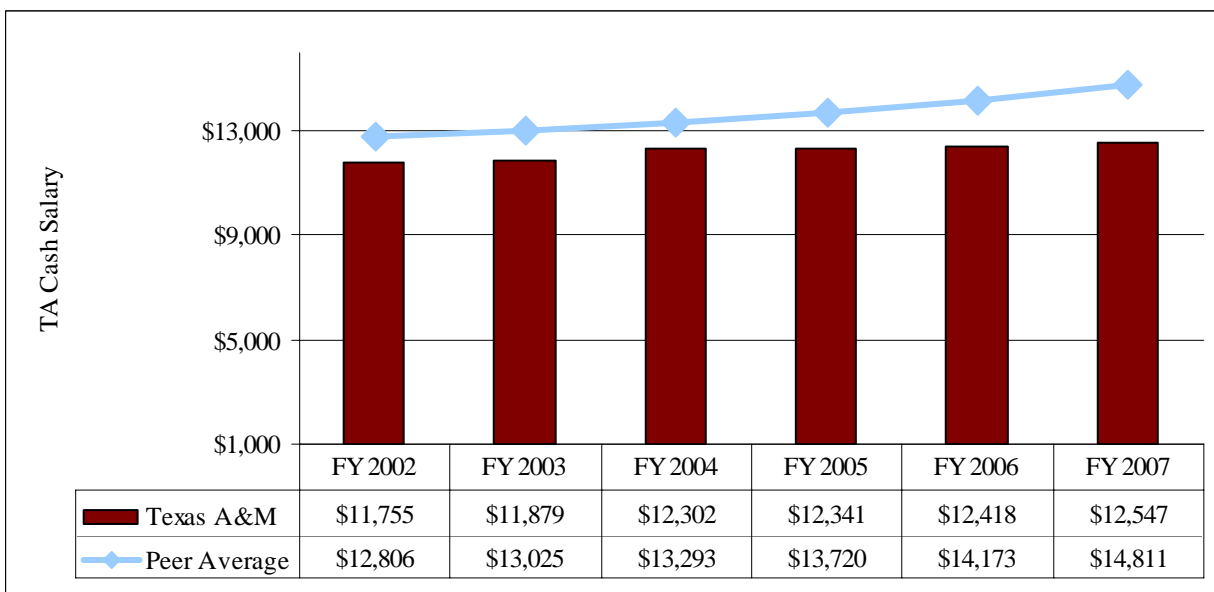


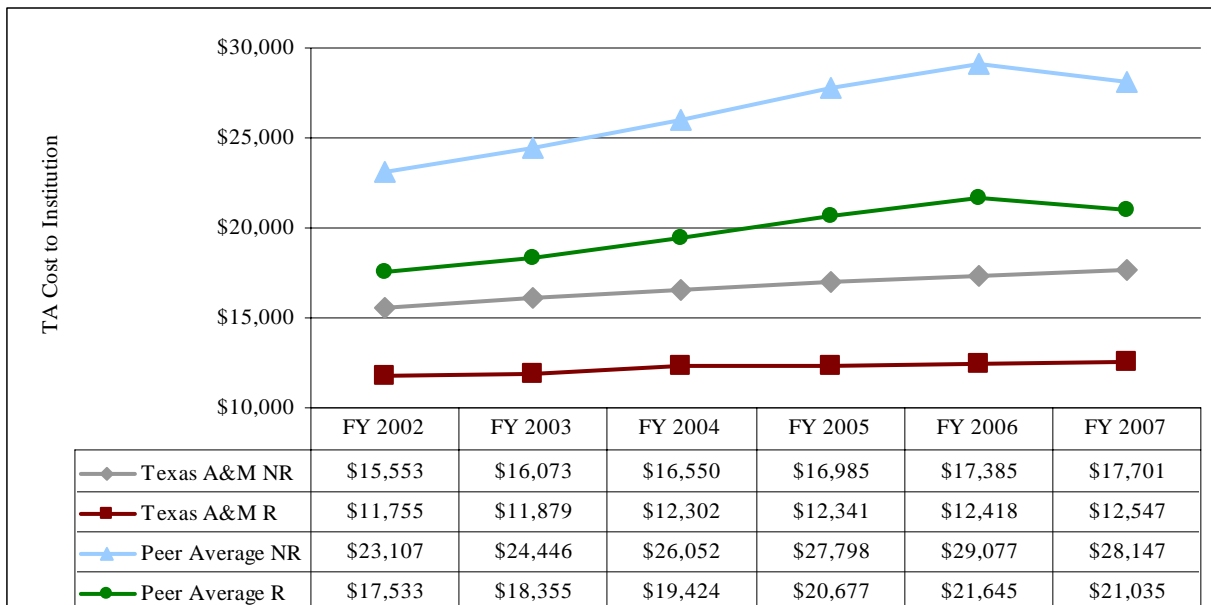
Table 1. Teaching Assistants: Average Cash Salary

Summary	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	1 Year % Change	6 or 5 Year % Change
Texas A&M	\$11,755	\$11,879	\$12,302	\$12,341	\$12,418	\$12,547	1.04%	6.74%
Peer Average	\$12,806	\$13,025	\$13,293	\$13,720	\$14,173	\$14,811	4.50%	15.66%
% of Peer Average	91.80%	91.20%	92.55%	89.95%	87.62%	84.71%		
Rank	10 of 13	10 of 13	9 of 13	12 of 13	12 of 13	12 of 12		
Detail								
Texas A&M	\$11,755	\$11,879	\$12,302	\$12,341	\$12,418	\$12,547	1.04%	6.74%
Cal-Berkeley	\$14,388	\$14,380	\$14,383	\$14,814	\$15,340	\$15,889	3.58%	10.43%
Cal-Davis	\$14,215	\$14,227	\$14,252	\$14,652	\$15,182	\$15,741	3.68%	10.74%
Cal-Los Angeles	\$15,071	\$15,101	\$15,110	\$15,582	\$16,148	\$16,663	3.19%	10.56%
Cal-San Diego	\$14,259	\$14,233	\$14,246	\$14,685	\$15,202	\$15,705	3.31%	10.14%
Florida	\$12,015	\$12,575	\$13,259	\$13,863	\$14,617	\$14,997	2.60%	24.82%
Illinois	\$13,019	\$12,874	\$13,348	\$13,831	\$14,384	\$14,323	-0.42%	10.02%
Michigan	\$12,884	\$13,259	\$13,633	\$14,080	\$14,646	\$14,890	1.67%	15.57%
Minnesota	\$11,675	\$12,043	\$12,108	\$12,366	\$13,068	\$14,070	7.67%	20.51%
Ohio State	\$11,060	\$11,599	\$11,956	\$12,459	\$12,862	\$13,119	2.00%	18.61%
Purdue	\$12,519	\$12,867	\$13,296	\$13,620	\$13,966	\$14,244	1.99%	13.78%
Texas	\$11,201	\$11,752	\$11,780	\$12,526	\$12,549	ND	n/a	12.03%
Wisconsin	\$11,360	\$11,395	\$12,144	\$12,161	\$12,111	\$13,282	9.67%	16.92%

Note: ND=No Data

Cost to institution is reported by student residency status. Generally speaking, it costs an institution less to support a TA with resident status due to the relatively lower in-state tuition rates. In FY 2007, it costs Texas A&M an average of \$12,547 to support a TA with resident status. The comparable amount for our peers is \$21,035 (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Teaching Assistants: 'Cost to Institution' by Student Residency



Research Assistants

Texas A&M research assistants received an average of \$13,121 cash salary in FY 2007, which is about 83.65% of the peer's average, and ranked the lowest among the thirteen universities whose data are available. In the six-year period, our research assistant's salary grew by 14.24%, compared with the 20.34% increase for our peers (Figure 3; Table 2).

Figure 3. Research Assistants: Average Cash Salary

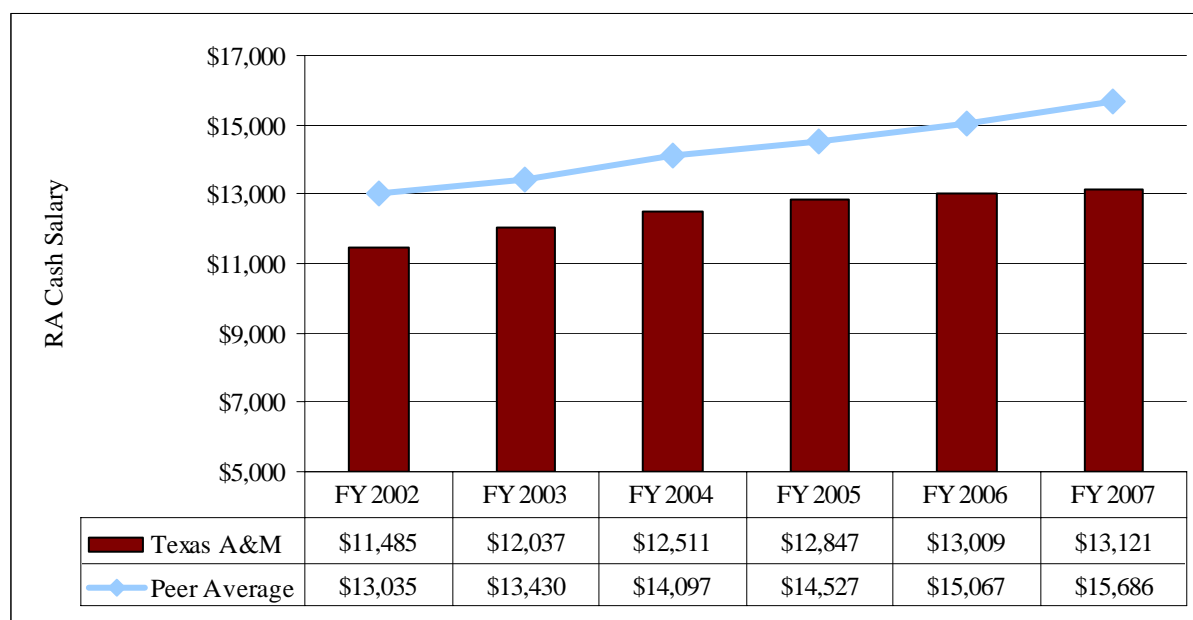


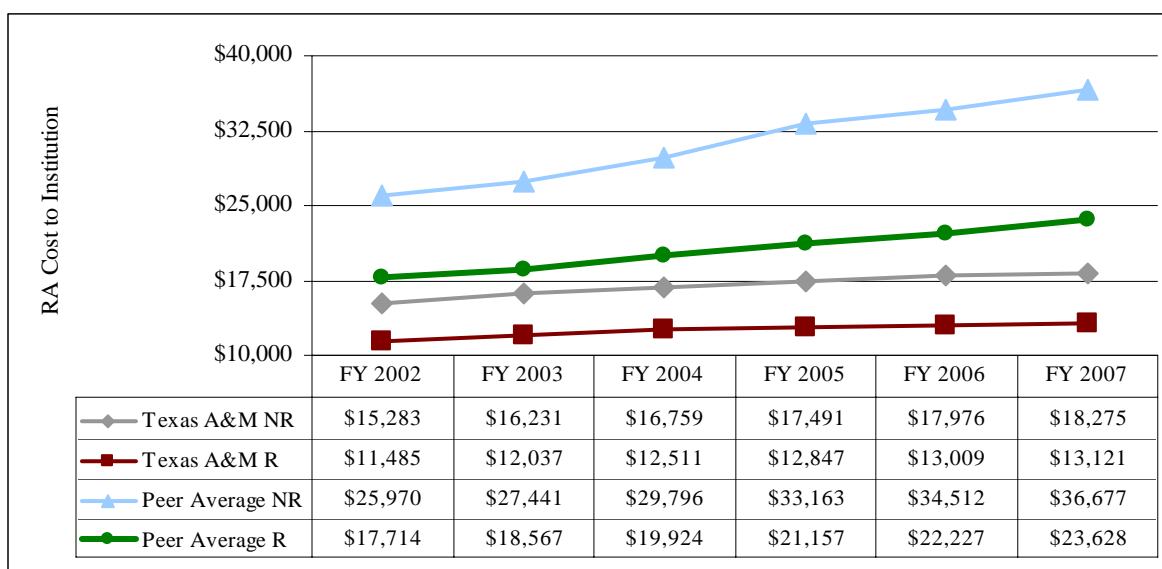
Table 2. Research Assistant: Average Cash Salary

Summary	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	1 Year % Change	6 or 5 Year % Change
Texas A&M	\$11,485	\$12,037	\$12,511	\$12,847	\$13,009	\$13,121	0.86%	14.24%
Peer Average	\$13,035	\$13,430	\$14,097	\$14,527	\$15,067	\$15,686	4.11%	20.34%
% of Peer Average	88.11%	89.63%	88.75%	88.43%	86.34%	83.65%		
Rank	12 of 13	12 of 13	13 of 13	13 of 13	13 of 13	12 of 12		
Detail								
Texas A&M	\$11,485	\$12,037	\$12,511	\$12,847	\$13,009	\$13,121	0.86%	14.24%
Cal-Berkeley	\$13,626	\$14,211	\$14,823	\$15,012	\$15,642	\$16,238	3.81%	19.17%
Cal-Davis	\$11,223	\$11,286	\$13,779	\$14,067	\$14,679	\$15,116	2.98%	34.69%
Cal-Los Angeles	\$13,734	\$13,842	\$14,760	\$15,012	\$15,984	\$16,412	2.68%	19.50%
Cal-San Diego	\$14,553	\$15,057	\$15,579	\$15,885	\$16,569	\$17,286	4.33%	18.78%
Florida	\$12,900	\$13,359	\$14,164	\$14,712	\$15,740	\$16,314	3.65%	26.47%
Illinois	\$13,707	\$13,684	\$14,383	\$15,033	\$15,539	\$16,060	3.35%	17.17%
Michigan	\$13,673	\$14,143	\$14,593	\$15,066	\$14,795	\$15,214	2.83%	11.27%
Minnesota	\$12,123	\$12,804	\$12,989	\$13,549	\$14,072	\$14,528	3.24%	19.84%
Ohio State	\$11,645	\$12,320	\$12,874	\$13,457	\$14,026	\$14,335	2.20%	23.10%
Purdue	\$13,525	\$13,923	\$14,326	\$14,829	\$15,362	\$15,926	3.67%	17.76%
Texas	\$12,330	\$12,565	\$12,646	\$13,173	\$13,578	ND	n/a	10.12%
Wisconsin	\$13,379	\$13,968	\$14,247	\$14,526	\$14,814	\$15,120	2.07%	13.02%

Note: ND=No Data

In FY 2007, it costs Texas A&M an average of \$13,121 to support a RA with resident status. The comparable amount for our peers is \$23,628 (Figure 4).

Figure 4. Research Assistants: 'Cost to Institution' by Student Residency



Vision 2020 Peer Institutions and Cost of Living Index			
Institution Name	AAUDE Abbreviation	Campus Location	Cost of Living Index
Texas A&M University	Texas A&M	College Station	100
University of Texas	Texas	Austin	113.3
University of California Berkeley	Berkeley	Berkeley	162.6
University of Michigan	Michigan	Ann Arbor	115.2
University of North Carolina*	North Carolina	Chapel Hill	102.3
University of California Los Angeles	UCLA	Los Angeles	174.5
University of California San Diego	Cal San Diego	San Diego	141.1
University of Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Madison	109.7
University of Florida	Florida	Gainesville	108.3
Georgia Institute of Technology*	Georgia Tech.	Atlanta	108.3
University of Illinois	Illinois	Urbana-Champaign	100.1
University of Minnesota	Minnesota	Twin Cities	118.6
Ohio State University	Ohio State	Columbus	106.0
Pennsylvania State University*	Penn. State	University Park	107.2
Purdue University	Purdue	West Lafayette, IN	96.4
University of California Davis	Cal Davis	Davis	137.1

Source: 2007 Runzhemier Report of Living Cost Standards Designed for AAUDE.
 * Not participating in the SGAS.