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**Subject:** Important stipend and health insurance announcement for WPI TAs, RAs, and Fellows

The following important announcement is for WPI TAs, RAs, and Fellows:

Dear RAs, TAs, and Fellows,

We are pleased to announce that we have secured the necessary institutional funds to cover the increased cost of the student health insurance plans for the next year for all TAs and Fellows, as well as a 2% stipend increase for all TAs. **Enrollment in or waiving of the student health insurance plan, must be done from July 7, 2022 – August 18, 2022** with further instructions on the [WPI Health Services Website](#).

Please note that the same student health insurance provider will be used this next year as the previous year, United Healthcare/Student Resources (UHCSR), and that the plan has gone up by \$365, from \$1829/year this past year to \$2,194/year for the upcoming year, August 12, 2022 – August 11, 2023.

The new TA stipend level is \$1,217.27 per biweekly pay period, and will begin for the pay period beginning on August 7, 2022 and paycheck on August 26, 2022. Faculty are being advised to also increase RA stipend levels to match TA stipend levels, provided sufficient grant funding availability. Additionally, faculty are being advised to cover the full premium cost of an individual student insurance health plan, of \$2,194, for their RAs for this next year.

Going forward, we anticipate a regularly occurring annual increase to TA stipends, on par with the 2-3% annual increase WPI employees receive for cost of living increases.

Sincerely,

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