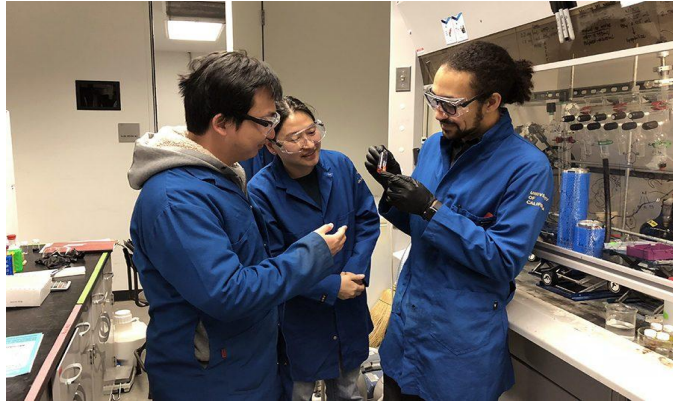


# Payment Logistics

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# GSR vs. GSRA vs. GSI



# GSR

Graduate Student Researcher - your position as a researcher in your lab (Berkeley Campus)

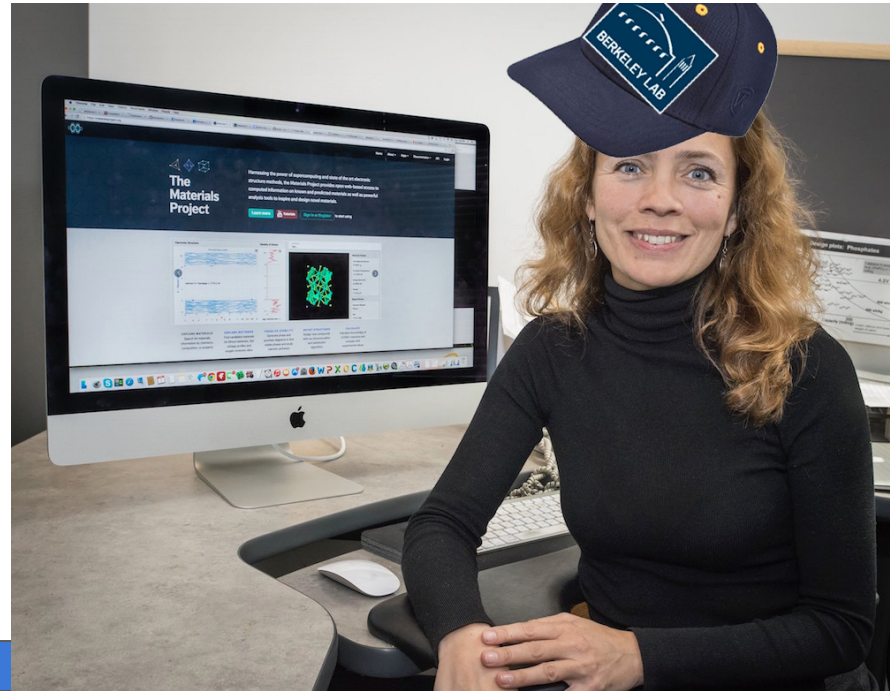
Sign up for at least 7  
units of MSE 299!



# GSRA

Graduate Student Research Assistant - The EXACT same thing as GSR except it is for people who work at Lawrence Berkeley Lab (LBL)

Just like a GSR you must sign up for at least 7 units of MSE 299!



# GSI

Graduate Student Instructor - You must be a GSI for a class at some point in your PhD career. This generally consists of holding discussion/recitation sessions and/or running lab sections.



# Percentage appointment

Super important! You should be (on average)  
49.5% appointed during the school year and 100%  
during the summer!!

Why?? Because fee remissions!

A 25%-44% appointment gets this stuff paid for:

- Student Service Fee
- Tuition
- Health Insurance Fee
- Berkeley Campus Fee\*\*\*





# Percentage appointment

Above 45% also gets your class pass (AC transit) fee paid for

Less than 25% means NO FEE REMISSION and you'll get stuck with paying your tuition and all of this stuff:

The fees below are the most current. Please always visit the Office of the Registrar for the most accurate fee rates.

Berkeley Campus Fee	\$728.25
Class Pass Fee Transit	\$80.00
Graduate Resident Tuition	\$5,721.00
Health Insurance	\$2,620.00
Student Services Fee	\$564.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,713.25</b>



# Percentage appointment

**Don't let yourself fall below 25% at any point during the semester.**

“If you become ineligible for fee remission at any time in the semester, the entire fee remission credit will be reversed on your CalCentral account, and you will be responsible for payment of your registration fee balance.”

**Make sure your hiring process is taken care of way ahead of time every semester.**





# When do I get paid?

GSR, GSRA and GSI payment is sent out on the 1st of every month for the **previous** month's work. So September 1st you'll get paid for however much you work in August.

This means you aren't going to see a full paycheck until October 1st, plan accordingly!



Robert Anderson

July 16, 2018

The immortal struggle



# How do I get Paid?

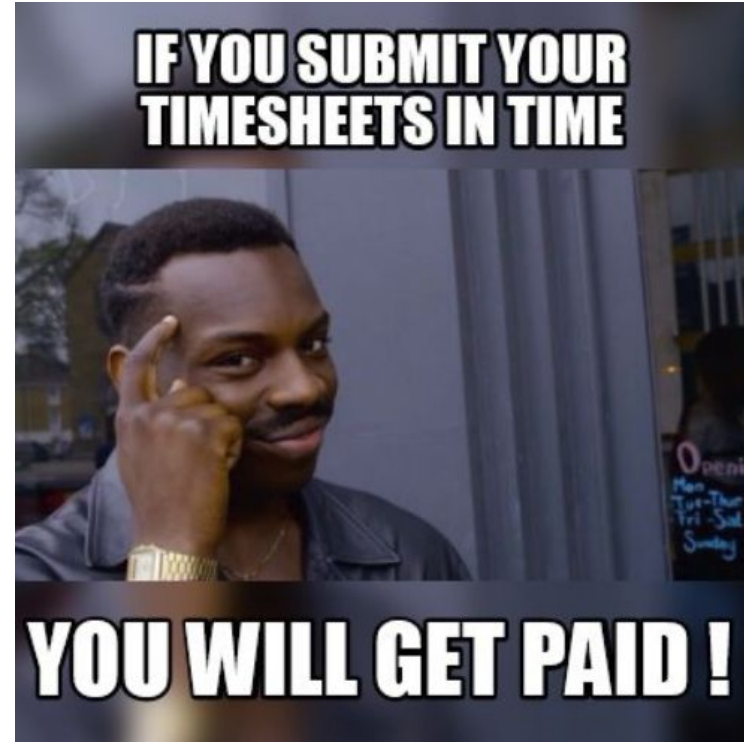
Fill out your timesheets (readers and some GSRs)!

You should sign up for **direct deposit** if you haven't done so already

For Berkeley campus labs  
“Berkeley Electronic Funds Transfer”

For LBL it's just called “direct deposit” on  
The HRIS website

**LBL people should sign up for both**



# GSI Position Little Known Facts

You get paid less per hour during your GSI appointment, but get paid for  $\frac{1}{2}$  month more. So while it comes out even long term, **during your GSI appointment you'll have less money**, so definitely plan for this!

People who are paid through LBL funding sources need to start GSI process much sooner to get paid because of bureaucratic complications. Start planning **3 months in advance** with your advisor on how you will be paid.

GSI doesn't cover non-resident tuition. International students are asked to advance to candidacy before taking a GSI position because once they advance to candidacy they qualify for a non-resident tuition waiver . **It is advised that you talk to your faculty advisor while you are on non-resident status about taking a GSI position, otherwise your advisor will need to pay for the non-resident tuition fee that the GSI appointment does not cover.**



# GSI Position Little Known Facts

GSI can be 25% or 50% depending on the class. If 25%, you need to talk to your faculty advisor about covering the other 25% with a GSR/GSRA appointment.

If you want to GSI more than once:

- GSI doesn't cover AC transit or campus fee. MSE department covers it for you the first time only. You are responsible for these fees afterwards
- Your GSI pay rate goes up one step after you GSI 4 times, you should keep track



# Pay Steps

As a GSR/GSRA you are paid starting at step V and move to step VI after Advancement to Candidacy. 49.5% Fall & Spring and 100% in summer

<u>Step</u>	<b>Salary Scale</b> <b>10/1/17</b>			<b>Salary Scale</b> <b>10/1/18</b>		
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Hourly</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Hourly</u>
I	39,096	3,258.00	18.72	40,269	3,356.00	19.29
II	42,144	3,512.00	20.18	43,408	3,617.00	20.79
III	46,740	3,895.00	22.39	48,142	4,012.00	23.06
IV	50,484	4,207.00	24.18	51,999	4,333.00	24.90
V	53,832	4,486.00	25.78	55,447	4,621.00	26.56
VI	56,340	4,695.00	26.98	58,030	4,836.00	27.79
VII	60,852	5,071.00	29.14	62,678	5,223.00	30.02
VIII	65,700	5,475.00	31.47	67,671	5,639.00	32.41
IX	70,968	5,914.00	33.99	73,097	6,091.00	35.01
X	76,620	6,385.00	36.70	78,919	6,577.00	37.80



[https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/\\_files/1819/2018-19-GSR-scale-effec-10-1-18/t22-10-1-18.pdf](https://www.ucop.edu/academic-personnel-programs/_files/1819/2018-19-GSR-scale-effec-10-1-18/t22-10-1-18.pdf)

# Reader Positions

This is essentially being a grader for a class 10 hours a week

Current rate is \$15.57 an hour.

Only domestic students are allowed to work over 50% with an exception approval.

Allows you to get above 50%, about ~\$2800 extra a semester

Fee charge gets prorated across the reader and GSR/GSI appointment, so saves your advisor money.



# Fellowships

Fellowships through Berkeley (not MSE department):  
NSF, chancellors, Berkeley, NDSEG etc.  
payments issued during first week of the month  
so long as you are registered (in classes) and  
set up EFT.

Most other fellowships the agency usually gives  
money directly to students





# Other Tidbits

Doc management fee is money (last year \$117), not covered by any standard remissions so you just have to pay it.



You can see your payment history on UC Path or LBL HRIS websites depending on who pays you

Calcentral shows you your tuition bills, some fellowship stuff and some reimbursements



# Most important points

Usually 49.5% appointment a semester, but there are exceptions

Less than 24% GSI or GSR→ no fee remission

Set up your GSR/GSI appointments waaaay in advance

GSI and GSR get paid on the first on the month for the previous month's effort, e.g. work for August is paid on Sept. 1st.

You always need to be registered for a minimum of 12 units or you won't get paid

Set up direct deposit

