

## **Teaching Assistantship Package Information**

The financial assistance package offered to our TA's includes the following components:

Grant-in-Aid (**GIA**) is the amount offered to graduate students who are CUPE bargaining unit members. Therefore it is paid to all students employed as TA's.

In 2011/2012 that amount was **\$2377.35** for each 135 hours of TA work.

**Please Note:** this amount is only payable on the **first** 270 hours of TA work . Any hours of work beyond the 270 hour limit **does not** qualify for the GIA. The GIA is added to the base salary and is included in the monthly salary of a TA.

Graduate Financial Assistance (**GFA**) applies to all students who are members of CUPE provided they stay registered and are paying fees. For each term during which a member of the bargaining unit (CUPE) stays registered and pays fees he/she gets an amount of approximately \$590.00 (per term). This amount is paid on **Nov 1<sup>st</sup>** for the Fall term, **March 1<sup>st</sup>** for the Winter term and **July 1<sup>st</sup>** for the Summer term. Each payment is posted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the student's account.

The student receives a **total** of approximately \$1770 for the 3 terms (Fall, Winter, Spring) which is included in our funding package offered at the time of admission into the MA program.