Justification
The graduate program in Art offers a distinct curriculum leading to a Master of Fine Art. The program is facing strong competition in recruiting the best students. One area in which Art can compete more successfully for the very best graduate students is the research stipend. This will build the program’s research effort immeasurably and increase the visibility of the group both nationally and internationally.

The MFA program in Art utilizes the Step I as this is the standard set within Arts programs at UC Davis, which are typically funded at a baseline level. Students with a 25% GSR usually also have a 25% TA or fellowship funding to provide a competitive funding package. If a student receives a GSR appointment for the summer, they will be paid at 49% at Step I. After a student receives more than 6 quarters of GSR appointments, then they will be raised to step III status. This also includes summer compensation.

Compensation Steps:

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<th>Step</th>
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<td>I</td>
<td>25% academic year 49% summer</td>
<td>6,842.25 4,470.27 $11,312.52</td>
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