Forensic Science Graduate Group compensation plans for the title of Graduate Student Researcher (GSR, title code 3282) for the academic appointment of graduate students.

Justification
The graduate group in Forensic Science offers a distinct curriculum leading to a Master’s degree. The program is facing strong competition in recruiting the best students. One area in which Forensic Science 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 MS program in Forensic Science utilizes the Step I as this is the standard. 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 8 quarters of GSR appointments, then they will be raised to step III status. This also includes summer compensation.

Compensation Steps:

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<td>I</td>
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