**Minimum Salaries for Graduate Assistants**

Effective with the Fall 2011 semester, the minimum stipend rates paid to graduate assistants at USC (the term graduate assistants includes teaching assistants, research assistants and assistant lecturers, as defined in *The Graduate Assistant Handbook*) shall be as follows:

- 0.50 time $ 20,000 for the academic year
- 0.33 time $ 13,200 for the academic year
- 0.25 time $ 10,000 for the academic year

**Minimum Salaries for Postdoctoral Scholars**

Effective fall of 2011 until June 30, 2012, the minimum salary for newly hired and renewed appointments for postdoctoral scholars (including postdoctoral research associates, postdoctoral fellows and postdoctoral teaching fellows) is $38,496 per year (12 months).

For all new and renewed postdoctoral scholar appointments, the category of postdoctoral fellow may only be used if an external sponsor requires appointment as a student. Evidence must be provided to the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs to demonstrate that a student appointment is required. The category of postdoctoral fellow may not be used for newly appointed and renewed scholars paid from unrestricted university funds.