**Table 7**

Milestones and stipend levels (if funds are available) for students on research assistantships. For stipend increases, the highest level is used if two or more apply; for stipend decreases, the lowest level is used if two or more apply. Teaching assistants are normally paid at Grade 12; if stipends must be lowered then Grade 11 is used.

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| **Milestone** | **Grade** | **Grade Reduction Time Limit** | **New Lower Grade** |
| Fewer than 15 credits of 400- or 500-level coursework | 12 |  |  |
| Greater than 15 credits of 400- and 500-level coursework with GPA z 3.00 | 13 | Two years after start of studies | 11 |
| MS degree completed; GPA z  3.00 required | 13 | Three years after start of studies | 12 |
| PhD Candidacy Exam passed | 14 | One year after entry into Ph.D program if holds MS degree in Meteorology or two years if holds a BS or BA in any field or an MS in a related field. | 12 |
| PhD Comprehensive Exam passed | 15 | Two years after entry into PhD program if holds an MS degree in Meteorology or three years if holds a BS or BA in any field or an MS in a related field | 13 |
| PhD Final Oral Exam passed | 15 | Two years after the PhD Comprehensive Exam passed, or four years after PhD Candidacy Exam passed, or five years after Entry into PhD program | 14 |