

Special Pay Form 2016-2017

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

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**Policy**: In specific circumstances, the University may pay a student a stipend rather than an hourly wage if the student meets the legally defined criteria for an exempt employee as defined by the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). The University must determine if an employment relationship is being established requiring the student to be paid hourly. Also, the university must track actual hours worked in order to comply with the Affordable Care Act.

TO QUALIFY FOR A SPECIAL PAYMENT, THE INDIVIDUAL & PURPOSE MUST ANSWER YES TO ALL THE QUESTIONS BELOW.	YES	NO
Does the individual's primary duty involve the performance of work requiring invention, imagination, originality, or talent in a recognized field of artistic or creative endeavor?		If no, stop. The employee must be paid through UltraTime.
Does the individual's primary duty require that they have advanced knowledge used to analyze, interpret, or make decisions?		If no, stop. The employee must be paid through UltraTime.

If the answers to all of the questions above are "Yes", then you are able to use this special payment form through Student Employment.

If the answer to any statement above is "No", then the position does establish an employment relationship and the position must be classified and paid as an hourly position. You must hire the student through LakerJobs and track hours worked through UltraTime.

## Procedures to continue as a Special Pay:

- 1. All recipients of work-related stipends must complete forms I-9, Federal W-4, and Michigan W-4 **PRIOR** to work being performed.
  - a. Forms must either be valid with the Student employment office or forms must accompany the Special Pay Form Request.
- 2. Provide a **complete** description. Include the time period covered by the request and hours to complete work.
- 3. All stipend forms submitted without following proper procedures, or lack of documentation will be returned **unprocessed** to the respective department.

**Please note:** students **must be enrolled in six or more credits** during the semester the request is made.



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