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To the Administration of the University of Missouri:

The graduate student employees of the University of Missouri demand the following:

- We demand a guarantee that no graduate student employee be paid at a rate below the individual poverty line regardless of their appointment status, department, or college. Students should have their basic human needs met by their stipend.
- We demand that all graduate student employees be guaranteed full tuition waivers, regardless of their FTE appointment.
- We demand adequate health insurance coverage. If we are classified as employees of MU, we should have access to subsidized MU employer-sponsored health insurance. This needs to be in place by the beginning of Spring semester.
- We demand immediate action on part of the university to ease the burden on international students caused by the loss of this subsidy.
- We demand more affordable, university-sponsored graduate student housing.
- We demand a return of affordable, on-campus, university-sponsored childcare facilities for graduate students.
- We demand an elimination of auxiliary fees from colleges and departments.

We request a response to these demands by 5 PM on Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, delivered to the Forum on Graduate Rights, [MizzouGradInsurance@gmail.com](mailto:MizzouGradInsurance@gmail.com). If the administration is unable to acknowledge receipt and confirmation of support, graduate students across campus will collectively walk out of their classrooms, laboratories, and offices and converge at the Columns in front of Jesse Hall at 12 PM on Wednesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, in a symbolic display of solidarity.

Sincerely,

The Forum on Graduate Rights