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Dear Katherine,

I think I need to clarify things further. Graduate students who teach in our program are not paid interns. There is no requirement for graduate students to teach here the way there may be with the TA role at the University and therefore no pay scale applies. We are looking for Graduate students who are willing to volunteer their time to teach older adults and as a token of our appreciation we provide them with a \$200 honorarium. Let me also make you aware that we do not need to have graduate students teach in our program. We have plenty of retired professors to teach for us for free. That said, our older adults really enjoy having young students around. Their teaching styles are different and they are closer to the research and topics at hand. It is a wonderful thing for older people to learn from younger people and of course, for the younger students to be exposed to active, vibrant, and intelligent older adults. Again, if you speak to the students from your program that taught over the summer I think you will find that the experiences they had teaching our students cannot be replicated in any undergraduate or even graduate program. This is a volunteer opportunity for those students who would like to make a contribution back to the community. The reward comes from the experience of giving back. No amount of money can buy that.

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