

SOM Ph.D. Funding Guidelines

Standard Funding for Supported Ph.D. Students

- The SOM provides resources (from E&G, the Graduate School and foundation sources) to support Ph.D. students enrolled full-time in SOM Ph.D. programs.
- SOM provides full funding for Ph.D. student stipends, tuition and fees for 2 calendar years (or 1 calendar year if the student has a SOM M.S. degree).
- Full funding can be used in any years (i.e. swapped) during a student's Ph.D. training to accommodate an advisor's current grant funding, a funded T-type training grant, etc.
- The Graduate School provides non-resident (i.e. out-of-state) tuition waivers and SOM pays non-resident fees for Ph.D. students for the duration of their training. Thus, a student's Virginia residency status does not impact the level of support required from their advisor.
- Starting the semester after they achieve candidacy and continuing thereafter, the advisor provides a \$1,000/year (annualized) stipend supplement while SOM provides tuition relief (currently ~2/3 of tuition costs, but can vary).
- Beyond the above support, a student's stipend, tuition and fees are the financial responsibility of the student's advisor and their advisor's department.
- Student support should not be included in departmental annual operating budget requests.

Special Long-Term Provisions for Individual Departments

- Departments can request special funding arrangements for specific programs by contacting the Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education (SADGE).
- Requests will be reviewed by the Dean, the SADGE and the Graduate Education Executive Committee.
- Decisions will be communicated by the SADGE.

Training Grant Shortfall and Other Funding for Doctoral Fellows and Scholars

- SOM provides shortfall for stipend, tuition and fees not covered by the following awards to students in SOM Ph.D. programs: F31 or similar competitive fellowships, T-type training grants, IMSD and SREB.
 - Departments apply for shortfall by completing this [Google form](#) and contacting the SADGE in SOM.
- SOM provides a \$1,000/year (annualized) stipend supplement to students awarded F31 or similar individual fellowships, but not IMSD or SREB scholarships.
- SOM provides 1 year of full funding to 2-year SREB scholars after scholarship support ends.

Emergency Support

- Advisors and departments can request SOM emergency support for Ph.D. students whose advisors have unanticipated lapses in funding.
- Emergency funding will be capped at a maximum of 1 year of stipend, tuition and fees for each student.
- An advisor with a student actively receiving emergency support cannot accept another trainee requiring support into their group except when support for the new student has been identified beforehand.
- Application and review
 - Departments can apply for emergency support by completing this [Google form](#).
 - Applications are reviewed by the SADGE and the Assistant Dean for Graduate Recruitment and Admission. Potential conflicts of interest between the request and the SADGE or ADGRA will be addressed by replacing either or both individuals with a member of the SOM Graduate Education Executive Committee.
 - Decisions will be communicated by the SADGE.
- Considerations during review of emergency funding requests will include, but are not limited to:
 - Students must be in a SOM Ph.D. program and should be making satisfactory academic progress.
 - The student's advisor and advisor's department are expected to have explored all other means of supporting the student including the possibility of using of departmental reserves.
 - The student's advisor and advisor's department must have a concrete plan for supporting the student after the proposed emergency funding period.
 - The history of emergency funding to individual advisors and departments making the request.

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