

SOM Ph.D. Funding Guidelines

Standard Funding for Supported Ph.D. Students

- Ph.D. students are supported by a combination of SOM, Graduate School and ADW resources coordinated by the Dean's office in the School of Medicine (hereafter considered in aggregate as being from SOM).
- SOM provides funding to departments based on full-time enrolled students 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 or is a 2-year SREB or 2-year IMSD scholar).
- 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 has no impact on the level of support required from their advisor.
- Starting the semester after they achieve candidacy and continuing thereafter, SOM provides a \$1,000/year (annualized) stipend supplement as well as 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 alterations to standard funding for students in specific programs by contacting the Associate Dean for Graduate Education (ADGE). Discussion should be expected.
- Requests will be reviewed by the ADGE, the Sr. Associate Dean for Research and Research Training (SADRRT), and the Dean of SOM.
- Decisions will be communicated by the ADGE.

Training Grant Shortfall and Other Funding for Doctoral Fellows and Scholars

- SOM provides shortfall (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 ADGE in SOM.
- SOM provides a \$1,000/year (annualized) stipend supplement to students that are awarded F31 or similar fellowships, but not IMSD or SREB scholarships.
- SOM provides 1 year of full funding to 2-year SREB and 2-year IMSD 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 is expected to not accept another trainee requiring support into their group except when support for the new student has been identified.
- Application and review
 - Departments can apply for support by completing this [Google form](#) and contacting the ADGE in SOM.
 - Applications are reviewed by the ADGE and the SADRRT. Any potential conflicts of interest between the request and the ADGE or SADRRT 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 ADGE.
- 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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