



STIPEND AND PAYROLL FUNDING FOR PHD STUDENTS 2025-2026

All students accepted to the doctoral program, including international students, who continue to make appropriate academic progress receive four years of fellowship support. As of the 2025-2026 academic year, this consists of an annual stipend of \$44,027. A fifth year of fellowship funding is available to students after they successfully defend their dissertation proposal. We also provide full tuition, personal health insurance for all five years, and travel and research reimbursement of up to \$1,700 per year.

Please note that the Annenberg School may alter any of the described benefits going forward, but admitted students would remain eligible for the support that was in place at the time of their admission to the school.

STIPENDS

Students in years 1-4 receive Research or Teaching Fellow stipends as outlined below. Students who have begun their Dissertation Research Fellowship receive a 12-month stipend. All Fellowship stipend amounts are gross (pre-tax) and may be adjusted due to inflation.

YEAR	FELLOWSHIP	STIPEND	SCHEDULE
ONE	Research Fellowship (RF) Research Fellow Service Stipend Teaching Fellowship (TF) Teaching Fellow Service Stipend	\$44,027	Paid in equal monthly installments of \$3,386.69 over 13 months from August 2025 through August 2026* *Students who elected a September 1 start date will be paid in equal monthly installments of \$3,668.92 over 12 months from September 2025 through August 2026.
TWO-FOUR	Research Fellowship (RF) Research Fellow Service Stipend Teaching Fellowship (TF) Teaching Fellow Service Stipend	\$44,027	Paid in equal monthly installments of \$3,668.92 over 12 months from September 2025 through August 2026.
FIVE	Dissertation Research Fellowship (DRF) Educational Fellowship Non-Service Stipend	\$44,027	Paid in equal monthly installments of \$3,668.92 over 12 months according to the student's approved DRF application .



UNIVERSITY PAYROLL INFORMATION

Penn maintains payroll information in [Workday](#). Students are responsible for managing their personal information in [Workday](#), including direct deposit, addresses, tax forms, etc.

The Business Office can provide instructions for these functions.

Please see the University [Monthly Payroll Schedule](#) for payment dates.

TAX INFORMATION

Please see the University [Guide to Graduate Student Appointments](#) and [Graduate Stipends - Tax Withholding](#) guide, both found on the [Penn Division of Finance Taxable Income](#) resource page in the Graduate Stipends section.

ASC staff members cannot provide further tax information or guidance beyond these resources. Students should direct tax questions to the [Penn Solution Center](#) at solutioncenter@upenn.edu or 215-898-7372.

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