

Purpose. A graduate stipend is intended to provide basic financial support for a graduate student during training in order to allow the student to focus entirely on her/his studies. It is the policy of the PIN to accept for admission only as many students as it can support with graduate stipends during the first two years of their training.

Source and Amount. Until a student chooses a dissertation mentor, the student's stipend is paid by the PIN or by the School of Graduate Studies on recommendation of the PIN. This is anticipated to be the first two years of graduate training, however in exceptional circumstances, funding will be continued for a third year. Stipends are paid according to UMC scale. Currently, this is \$23,793 per year plus health benefits. After the student has chosen a dissertation mentor, the stipend will be paid from the mentor's grant accounts according to UMC scale.

If the student applies for and is awarded an external fellowship, his/her stipend will be determined by the funding agency. However, it cannot be lower than the UMC scale. In such a case, the PIN or the graduate mentor will pay the difference. The student may, of course, keep any stipend that exceeds the UMC scale.

Limitations. A student receiving a stipend is subject to all UMC regulations regarding personal and medical leave and holidays. Overtime is not paid to students receiving a stipend. A stipend may be suspended for failure to successfully pass the Comprehensive Examination or for failure to make adequate progress in dissertation research. Failure to make adequate progress is determined by the dissertation committee and is included in its annual report to the Director of the PIN. The Director may then recommend suspension of the stipend with the concurrence of the PIN Steering Committee.