Graduate Student Funding- Overview and Changes

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Agenda

• Grad Student Funding Overview
• Changes for FY19
• Q & A
• Contacts & Resources
Student Funding 2.0

• Shifting to an advisory and training role from a transactional role
  • Workshops
  • Individualized and small group training
  • Increased communications (e.g., Fiscal Flyer)
  • Build a common language
• Partner with school level administration to enable better management of available resources
Annual Rates

### Tuition

- **Full Tuition Rate** – first 8 quarters
- **Advanced Tuition Rate** – 9th quarter and beyond
- **Research Assistance Scholarship (RAS)** – Tuition scholarship provided to PhD students working as research assistants (grant funded)
- **PI Share** – Amount of tuition faculty (PIs) must cover for research assistants

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Annual Rates

**Stipend**

- 2018/19:
  - $32,196 per year
  - $2,683 per month
  - Fellowship, Graduate Assistant, & Research Assistant

**Activity Fee**

- FY19 increasing from $110 to $125 to account for higher U-Pass fees
ABCs of Student Funding

• Students’ home programs are responsible for entering funding
• Programs encouraged to enter funding for entire fiscal year *prior* to annual interface
• Programs determine funding plan
• TGS quarters of funding may be used through 5th year
Changes for FY19

- Specials Request Tool will be retired on 8/31/18
  - New, specialized item types have been created to capture the funding categories (NIH training grant scholarship, cost-sharing commitments, etc.)
  - New process allows for more accurate funding reporting and tracking

- Research Assistantships (RAships) instead of fellowships for most research grant cost share quarters. Training grant cost share quarters will still be paid as fellowships.
  - Need to reflect effort towards the project
  - Performing service (working) on the project
Contacts & Resources

• Student Funding
  • TGS-FA@northwestern.edu (Laura, Sam, Christina)

• Finance Reporting, Planning, & Analysis
  • TGS-FIT@northwestern.edu (Laura, Lisa, Avni)

• Emergency Loans
  • TGS@northwestern.edu (Service Center)

• Training Grants
  • TGS Training Grant Support Office (Liz Stein elizabeth.stein@northwestern.edu, Becca Lamarre r-lamarre@northwestern.edu)

• Student Funding FAQs
  • https://www.tgs.northwestern.edu/funding/phd-student-funding-faqs.html