

Trainee and Fellow Update Information

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Stipends

Career Level	Stipend for FY 2010
Undergraduates in the MARC and COR Programs:	
Freshmen/Sophomores	\$7,980
Juniors/Seniors	\$11,172
Predoctoral	\$21,180
Postdoctoral	
Years of Experience:	
0	\$37,740
1	\$39,756
2	\$42,624
3	\$44,304
4	\$45,960
5	\$47,940
6	\$49,836
7 or more	\$52,068

Levels

These stipend levels are to be used in the preparation of future competing and non-competing NRSA institutional training grant and individual fellowship applications. They will be administratively applied to all applications currently in the review process.

Determining Stipend Level for Postdoctoral

The stipend level for the entire first year of support is determined by the number of full years of relevant postdoctoral experience at the time of appointment. Relevant experience may include research experience (including industrial), teaching assistantship, internship, residency, clinical duties, or other time spent in a health-related field beyond that of the qualifying doctoral degree. Once the appropriate stipend level has been determined, the trainee must be paid at the level for the entire period of appointment. The stipend for each additional year of Kirschstein-NRSA support is the next level in the stipend structure and does not change mid-year.

Institutional Allowances Training Grants

For institutional training grants (**T32, T34, T35, T90, TL1**), these expenses (including health insurance costs) for predoctoral and postdoctoral trainees will be paid at the amounts shown below for all competing awards made with FY 2010 funds. These amounts also apply to non-competing awards issued in FY 2010 for programs that received competing awards in FY 2006 or beyond:

- **Predocctoral Trainees:** \$4,200
- **Postdoctoral Trainees:** \$7,850

Institutional Allowance for Individual Fellows

This allowance for predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows will be paid at the amounts shown below for all competing awards made with FY 2010 funds.

Institutional Allowance for individual fellows (**F30, F31, F32, F33**) sponsored by non-Federal Public, Private, and Non-Profit Institutions (Domestic & Foreign, including health insurance):

- **Predoctoral Fellows:** \$4,200
- **Postdoctoral Fellows:** \$7,850

Institutional Allowance for Individual fellows (**F30, F31, F32, F33**) Sponsored by Federal and For-Profit Institutions (including health insurance):

- **Predoctoral Fellows:** \$3,100
- **Postdoctoral Fellows:** \$6,750

Questions & Answers

1. What is a 100% effort for a Graduate Student?
20 hours per week
2. Do students receive benefits? No, but FICA is withheld when not enrolled in classes (ie. summer)
3. May students be paid in the summer by a federal award?
Yes
4. What is the recommended inflation rate for proposal budgets?
2% (NIH guideline)
5. How can a student's tuition be paid if he/she is not working on an award or have a trainee relationship?
Students who are not working on a sponsored project or appointed as trainee on sponsored funding should not receive tuition from sponsored funding sources.
6. Is out-of-state tuition allowable?
There is no federal rule against charging actual tuition rates to sponsored funding sources, and as long as there is no University policy that prohibits this, if the tuition rate is known at the time of the proposal, you may propose and charge at the out-of-state tuition rate. If student is not known, propose at the in-state tuition rate.
7. Can supplementation of student stipend be from other non-federal sources?
Yes, so long as it is documented in the payroll system. Under no circumstances may federal funds be used for supplementation.
8. Is effort reporting affected if the student is paid on a one-time payment instead of through payroll?
Yes. This is a problem for effort reporting.

9. For audit purposes, should PI sign PAR as well as the student?

The PI should sign student effort reports. Students do not always know the funding sources for the work they are engaged in. The student does not need to sign in addition to the PI.