Graduate Student Funding

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Graduate Student Appointments

• Graduate Students can be appointed in the following categories
  • Graduate Student Trainee (non-employee)
  • Graduate Research Assistant (exempt student employee)
  • Graduate Teaching Assistant (exempt student employee)
  • Graduate Assistant (non-exempt student employee; uses KRONOS)

• Appointments must be made in the HR Org of the student’s graduate program

• Students must be registered full time in order to qualify

• Additional Assignments may be reviewed/approved on an individual basis
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- All appointments require an appointment letter, and other documentation (Trainee fact sheet, I-9, etc.) as required by HR Records, based on appointment type

- Template letters for each appointment type can be found on the Grad School website under the “Faculty & Program Directors” heading

- Letters have been carefully worded and vetted by UAB Legal, and should not be changed without approval
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• Maximum Compensation: 30,600 annually for all combined assignments
  • Maximum is indexed to 90% of the current NSF Individual Fellowship Stipend
  • Exceptions to the maximum must be approved by the Graduate School Dean

• Stipend Goals:
  • STEM disciplines, PhD: 29,000 annually
  • Non-STEM, PhD: 26,000 annually
  • Masters level: 18,000 annually
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**Individual Fellowship Incentive Program**

- $500 award for students who apply for an individual fellowship

- $1,500 stipend supplement for funded awards, **PLUS**

- Graduate School pays the difference between fellowship funded stipend and program stipend amount

- Current Individual Fellowship Numbers:
  - 33 students
  - 9 graduate programs represented
  - 5 Schools/College represented
  - $772,340 in annual stipend dollars awarded
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• **New for fall 2017**: Residency status changes will follow ACT document approval

• Residency status for students qualifying for in-state tuition based on receiving a graduate appointment will *not* be updated until the ACT doc has been fully approved

• Programs are encouraged to submit ACT documents in late July/early August for fall appointments

• Students must be registered for 9 credit hours when the ACT doc is submitted
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