

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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