

PhD in Applied Life Sciences

Funding Models for KGI PhD Students

The stipend for PhD students is currently \$25,000 per year, and tuition is currently \$27,438 per year (these numbers are current as of fall 2019).

KGI encourages faculty to assume mentorship of PhD students, and to that end, the following funding models for PhD student support have been instituted:

1. **50/50 support:** KGI pays half of the student stipend (\$12,500 per year) through a teaching assistantship and the PI pays the remaining half of the student stipend (\$12,500 per year) from their Research Development Account (RDA).
 - a. ***Tuition is waived.***
 - b. The PI must guarantee financial support from their RDA of \$37,500 to cover all three years of the student stipend in order to accept any student under this model.
 - c. Additional students under this model are subject to available spots and at the discretion of the Dean of Research and/or PhD Directors. This is to provide a fair opportunity to all KGI faculty.
 - d. The number of spots available under this category may vary each year based on the number of students graduating and funding availability.
 - e. KGI's funding contribution (stipend and tuition) is NOT guaranteed beyond 3 years.

2. **Full Salary support from PI:** The PI pays the full student stipend of \$25,000 per year. The student does not do a teaching assistantship.
 - a. ***Tuition is waived.***
 - b. The PI must guarantee financial support from their RDA of \$75,000 to cover all three years of the student stipend in order to accept any student under this model.
 - c. There is no limit for the number of students you can take under this model.
 - d. KGI's funding contribution (tuition) is NOT guaranteed beyond 3 years.

3. **External sponsorship:** Funding for a PhD student from a grant or contract sponsored by an external entity.
 - a. ***Tuition is charged in proportion to the effort committed by the student.***
 - For a half time PhD student research effort, 50% of the stipend (\$12,500) and 50% of the tuition (\$13,719) will be charged to the grant or contract. The other half of the stipend and tuition will be paid by KGI for a teaching assistantship.

- For a full time PhD student research effort, 100% of the stipend (\$25,000) and 100% of the tuition (\$27,438) will be charged to the grant or contract. The student does not do a teaching assistantship.
- b. The PI must guarantee that there are sufficient grant or contract funds to cover the entire cost of the stipend and tuition over three years, and the Director of the Office of Research & Sponsored Projects will encumber these funds in Workday. Termination of the sponsored project will result in the PhD student's tuition and stipend being paid from the faculty member's RDA in the original amounts budgeted.
- c. There is no limit for number of students PI can accept under this model.
- d. PIs are encouraged to budget PhD students on externally sponsored projects as this is a viable option to sustain and support the PhD program and research at KGI.

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