



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: PhD Student Stipends

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Another topic of significant importance to PhD students—both generally and in the context of the question of unionization—is stipends. This memo is intended to provide Emory PhD students with important information on PhD stipends.

The Laney Graduate School offers all doctoral students financial support in the form of a base stipend. As long as a student makes satisfactory academic progress, stipend support lasts for five years and may last longer, depending on the circumstances surrounding degree completion. Stipends are disbursed monthly, on the last business day of each month, via direct deposit.

Emory updates stipend amounts annually. Stipend increases are determined by the Provost of Emory University in close discussion with the Dean of the Laney Graduate School and the deans of the six partnering schools offering PhD programs—Emory College of Arts & Sciences, Goizueta Business School, School of Medicine, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Rollins School of Public Health, and Candler School of Theology. Stipend determinations are based on a detailed analysis of cost-of-living data for Atlanta, an analysis of historical trends in the Emory stipend change, and several other data sources.

While the specific amount of doctoral stipends varies by program, the annual stipend rate for all PhD students for Academic Year (AY) 2023-2024 ranges from \$36,000 to \$40,000, representing a 6% increase from last year's stipend rate. Although we were unable to increase stipends during the first year of the pandemic, we have increased stipends by 14% over the past two years. We also provided \$500 per student to enrolled doctoral students in the summer 2022 as emergency relief.

The Laney Graduate School provides a number of other funding opportunities and resources for PhD students, including [special admissions fellowships](#), [professional development support funds](#), and [advanced student fellowships](#). Additionally, [Emory's Student Hardship Fund](#), maintained through charitable donations from university-affiliated people and entities, students, organizations, and other persons who want to assist Emory students, provides financial assistance to students facing unexpected financial challenges. [The Laney Graduate School emergency loans](#) are available to help students through unexpected financial crisis, such as illness, family job loss, and delays in other types of funding.

For additional information about PhD stipends and other available financial support resources, students should contact the Laney Graduate School at LGSFunding@emory.edu.