2.4 External Fellowships Policy

The LGS expects that doctoral students will be financially supported, through a combination of institutional and extramural funds, for the majority of the time they are enrolled and progressing toward their degree.

Doctoral student funding is a shared responsibility. While financial commitments are made to students for a set time period, it is important to understand that the overall LGS awards budget is dependent on a significant number of students obtaining external fellowships.

We expect all doctoral students to make good faith efforts to obtain external support at some point during their funding period, and students should be encouraged by their programs to pursue these opportunities. The practice of writing, submitting, resubmitting, and earning a fellowship, grant, or award is an important part of the educational, training, and professional development of doctoral students.

Should a student be the recipient of an external fellowship or award, LGS requires that these extramural resources be activated and used in lieu of university funding. When the external stipend fully replaces 75% or more of the annual LGS stipend, the student will receive a $2,000 annual stipend supplement from the LGS, program, or partner school (e.g. School of Medicine). Refer to the Special Funding Requests webpage for instructions on how to request the supplement upon receipt of an external fellowship.

Extramural funding is funding that replaces institutional funding, and as such it does not extend the years of funding beyond the commitment made at the time of admission. In the Natural and Social Sciences, additional years of institutional support will not be approved, except in extraordinary circumstances. In certain programs*, LGS will consider requests for one additional year of institutional stipend and health insurance support if the student previously received external funding that replaced a year or more of university funding. Refer to the Special Funding Requests webpage for instructions on how to apply for the additional year of institutional support.

It is important to note, however, that in no circumstances may this additional year of university funding extend the student’s time to degree or be used beyond the student’s seventh year of study, as calculated from their initial enrollment term.

*Anthropology, Art History, Business, Comparative Literature, Economics, English, French, Hispanic Studies, History, Islamic Civilizations Studies, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religion, Sociology, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

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