

## Graduate Student Funding Plan 9/23/2020

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Started: Masters \_\_\_\_\_ Semester Started  Fall  Spring  
 Ph.D. \_\_\_\_\_ Semester Started  Fall  Spring

Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Department: \_\_\_\_\_

All research advisors are expected to fund MS student stipends for the summer with the expectation that two summers of funding will be necessary for such students to complete their degree requirements. Ph.D. student stipends can be funded by the research advisor after two semesters, but can start no later than after the student's fourth semester. Ph.D. advisors will assume full responsibility for year round funding after four semesters and all summers.

Research advisors must develop a funding plan that will support the student for two years for master's students and five years for Ph.D. students. If there are uncertainties in the funding plan the advisor's department and/or college must agree to bridge the student's funding. This plan must be countersigned by the appropriate Department Chair or Dean. If the research advisor holds a primary appointment at our partner institutions (Christiana Care or Nemours Biomedical Research), this plan must be developed with, and countersigned by, the appropriate institutional official.

Teaching Assistantships: Typically 4 semesters per student. Ph.D. students are required to have a minimum of two semesters of teaching experience to graduate.

Research Assistant: Research Advisor agrees to fund the above named student for:  
 Two summer semesters' stipend for Research Assistant (Master's student)  
 First two summer stipends and annual stipend for a minimum of three years usually after the student's fourth semester, for Research Assistant (Ph.D. student)

Academic Year	FALL		SPRING		SUMMER	
	Funding Source	Amount*	Funding Source	Amount*	Funding Source	Amount*

\*Base on current Biological Sciences stipend and fringe benefit rates. Use a 2% yearly increase for stipend projections. When Ph.D. students pass their qualifying exam (expected to be completed by the end of year three in the program) base pay will increase \$1,000.  
 2020-2021 Stipends: Fall \$10,000; Spring \$10,000; Summer \$6,666; 2020-2021 Fringe Benefit Rates 12%

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 Student Signature Date

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 Biology Graduate Director Signature Date

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 Advisor Signature Date

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 Bridge Funding Plan Guarantor (Chair/Dean) Date