



MEMORANDUM

To: Academic Deans
Vice Deans, Associate Deans and Staff with Responsibility for Graduate Programs

From: Andrew Stott, Vice Provost for Academic Programs and Dean of the Graduate School
Meredith Drake Reitan, Associate Dean, Graduate School

Date: April 6, 2022

Subject: Revised Minimum Stipend for Graduate Students, AY 2022-2023

This memo supersedes the previous memo of November 11, 2021.

Starting AY 2022, the university's minimum total stipend will be \$34,000 with a minimum monthly rate of at least \$3,778 for programs that operate on a 9-month schedule and \$2,834 for programs and fellowships operating on a 12-month schedule. Schools are expected to ensure that all graduate students are supported at the level of the university minimum total stipend or at a higher level for the duration of the package in their original offer letters.

The Provost Fellowship Top Off will be \$2,000, bringing a student's stipend to at least \$36,000.

Total stipends may be paid in the form of fellowships, teaching assistantships, research assistantships, graduate assistant lectureships, top offs, various forms of government support, or combinations of these elements.

While we understand this is good news for many, the new minimum stipend may require that some offers sent through the Multi-Year Funding Offer (MYFO) system be revised. We want to ensure that incoming students are aware of the stipend increase. The graduate school will reach out to multi-year funding offer system users who may need to reissue offers with stipends under \$34,000. No action is needed if the stipend is at least \$34,000.

Please get in touch with Meredith Drake Reitan at mereditd@usc.edu, if you have questions about stipends or other related issues. USC health and dental insurance policies and the USC student health center fee will continue to be part of the PhD funding package. The costs will be provided by the Student Health Office. There is no change in the way PhD tuition is handled by the university.

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