

Fellowships, Grants and Awards Policy for PhD Students

External Fellowships

To benefit both their current work and their future career prospects, PhD students are strongly encouraged to seek funding from external agencies through fellowships. These fellowships, sponsored by both public and private agencies, confer distinction on the student who wins the fellowship.

Students obtaining competitive external funding awarding at least 50% of the student's stipend will be supplemented to the current base stipend, plus a bonus of 10% of the base stipend for the duration of the fellowship, provided they remain in good academic standing. If the external funding is greater than the Department's base stipend, the student will receive the external funding only, plus a bonus such that their total funding will equal the amount of the base stipend plus 10%. If the external funding is greater than 10% above the Department's base stipend, the student will receive the external funding only; no bonus will be provided. At the end of the fellowship the student will return to the current Department's base stipend level. The bonus of 10% will be paid by the advisor.

This policy is in place only for those fellowships directly awarded in students' names by outside entities. Students supported via grants and fellowships directly awarded to faculty members are not eligible for a bonus. Students who obtain funding from a competitive training grant are eligible for the 10% bonus.

University of Rochester Competitive Fellowships for Incoming Students

The University of Rochester offers the Sproull Fellowship and the Provost Fellowship to outstanding applicants each year. The Department nominates applicants for these fellowships. There are no additional forms for the applicant to complete, but all application material must arrive by the deadline date.

Sproull Fellows will be supplemented to the Department's current base stipend, plus a bonus of 10% of the base stipend for each year during which they are supported by a Sproull Fellowship and remain in excellent to outstanding academic standing according to their annual evaluation. The bonus will be paid by the student's advisor. A Sproull Fellow who also receives an external fellowship will receive the Department's base stipend, plus a bonus of 10% of the base stipend for the duration of the external fellowship.

Provost Fellows will be supplemented to the Department's current base stipend, plus a bonus of 10% of the base stipend for each year during which they are supported by a Provost Fellowship and remain in excellent to outstanding academic standing according to their annual evaluation. The bonus will be paid by the student's advisor. A Provost Fellow who also receives an external fellowship will receive the Department's base stipend, plus a bonus of 10% of the base stipend for the duration of the external fellowship.

University and Departmental Add-on Fellowships

Messersmith/Hooker Fellows will be supplemented to the Department's current base stipend. A bonus of 10% of the base stipend may be added to the base stipend for one year at the discretion of the advisor. The bonus will be paid by the advisor.

Caspari/Holtfreter Fellows will receive the Department's current base stipend, plus a bonus of \$2,000 for a maximum of three years. The bonus will be paid by the Department. Note: a Caspari/Holtfreter Fellow receiving an external fellowship will receive an additional bonus (above the \$2,000) of 10% of the base stipend for the duration of the external fellowship. The bonus of 10% will be paid by the advisor.