



Attention: Graduate Program Directors and Administrators
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Dean’s Deferred Funding Policy
Academic Year 2017-18
 9/1/2017 - 8/31/2018

The Dean’s Deferred Funding Policy allows Graduate Programs to defer BioMed support if BioMed PhD students are funded via certain grants during the Dean’s Commitment Period (DCP). The DCP is defined as 3 semesters and the first summer within the student’s first 2 years of PhD training. Deferral of BioMed support for a PhD appointment is limited to this time period only.

BioMed PhD support eligible for deferral under this policy includes:

- The grant funded amount supporting BioMed’s baseline annual stipend. During AY17-18 the stipend is \$30,618. For those grant mechanisms providing a stipend greater than \$30,618, the maximum amount that can be deferred is \$30,618.
- The equivalent of one tuition unit per semester. The grant tuition support must be equal or greater than one tuition unit per semester. The AY17-18 tuition unit is \$6,529.
- The grant funded amount supporting Health Fee but not exceeding the AY17-18 cost of \$850 (\$425 per semester).
- The grant funded amount supporting Health Insurance during the student’s first year but not exceeding the AY17-18 cost of \$3,615.

A. Dean’s Deferred Funding within the Student’s First 2 Years

The schedule below illustrates the potential support scenarios during a student’s first 2 years of study. If grant support is utilized, the BioMed PhD support will be eligible for deferral. This includes tuition, AY stipend, and health fee (summer Stipend and Health Insurance have separate illustration):

		Student’s first 2 years			
If	BioMed Support	3 sem	2 sem	1 sem	0 sem
And	Grant Support	1 sem	2 sem	3 sem	4 sem
		↓	↓	↓	↓
Then	Deferred semester of BioMed support=	0 sem	1 sem	2 sem	3 sem

This schedule illustrates the potential support scenarios regarding the deferment of the stipend for the student's first summer (summer between year 1 and 2).

		3 months in 1st summer (stipend)			
If	Division Support	3 mos	2 mos	1 mos	0 mos
and	Grant Support	0 mos	1 mos	2 mos	3 mos
		↓	↓	↓	↓
Then	Deferred summer months of BioMed support	0 mos	1 mos	2 mos	3 mos

Within the student's first year, this schedule illustrates some of the potential support scenarios regarding Health Insurance cost for 2016/17 and when deferment qualifies.

Health Insurance Cost of \$3,615			
<i>1st yr Student</i>	BioMed	Grant	Defer BioMed Support
example A	\$ 3,615	→	→
example B	\$ 2,165	→	→ \$ 1,450
example C	-	→	→ \$ 3,615

B.) General Exclusions

- 1) PhD students outside of BioMed
- 2) Master students
- 3) Students who transfer to Brown with new faculty
- 4) Summer support for students who choose to matriculate early (the summer before the regular Fall enrollment)
- 5) Transfer students
- 6) Support from Endowments, Gift Accounts or Faculty Start-up Funds
- 7) Support from Dean's Deferred Funding accounts
- 8) Admits over the approved levels of graduate students (that programs have reviewed with the Associate Dean of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies)

C.) Program Exclusions

Students participating in the following funding programs are excluded from the Dean's Deferred Funding initiative:

- 1) NS NIH Graduate Partnership Program
- 2) IMSD (Initiative to Maximize Student Development)
- 3) Programs initiated by Brown to encourage cooperative relationships with other countries, universities

D.) Dean's Deferred Funding Maintenance and Use

Dean's Deferred Funding allows programs to cover PhD student training expenses and potential funding shortfalls.

The primary purpose for this initiative is to support PhD training. Beyond the Dean's Commitment period, graduate student support becomes the responsibility of the mentor and the Graduate Program. Should there be a disruption in mentor funding, the student's Graduate Program will be designated as primary support. The Associate Dean of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies reserves the right to utilize the Dean's Deferred Funding for PhD student support beyond the Dean's Commitment Period if no other account information is provided by Graduate Programs.

Dean's Deferred Funding balances do not earn interest and will be rolled-over into next fiscal year. Balances may be loaned or transferred between BioMed Graduate Programs.

E.) Reporting

Dean's Deferred Funding reports are issued twice a year to Directors of Graduate Studies, Coordinators and Department Managers. The timing of these reports is dependent on resolution for second semester and summer appointments. Additionally, our office works in conjunction with the Graduate School and BioMed Finance and Planning before final reporting is issued.

F.) Discrepancies

After review periods and investigation of discrepancies, balances are considered final for the fiscal year.