

NSF Stipend Supplementation

Each NSF Fellow is expected to devote full time to advanced scientific study or work during the fellowship period. However, because it is generally accepted that teaching or similar activity constitutes a valuable part of the education and training of many graduate students and such opportunities may arise during a tenure year, a Fellow on tenure may choose to undertake a reasonable amount of such activities without NSF approval. It is expected that furtherance of the Fellow's educational objectives and the gain of substantive teaching or other experience will govern these activities. Stipend support for teaching is determined by Duke University. Fellows are permitted to teach 1 – 2 courses per academic year. During this time a Fellow cannot be supported by their advisor's research grants for the teaching the course.

The maximum amount a student is allowed to receive for additional TA or RA assignments is \$5,000 during the course of the calendar year. If more than one section or assignment is added, a student cannot be compensated an additional \$3,000 for each section. For further information, please refer to [The Graduate School's stipend supplementation policy](#).

Fellows are permitted to solicit and accept, from the NSF or other federal and private sources, support for research expenses, such as laboratory supplies, instrumentation usage fees, field-station usage fees, travel expenses, conference/registration fees, workshop expenses, or subscription fees. For Fellows on tenure, support for living expenses associated with off-site research activities will require approval by the coordinating official. Fellows are required to check with their GRFP Institution about specific policies pertaining to acceptance of any non-federal fellowships.