



Memo

To: BGS Faculty
From: Susan R. Ross, PhD *SRR*
Date: June 30th, 2010
Re: Ph.D. and M.D./Ph.D. BGS Mentor Cap for FY2011

The FY2011 mentor cap (including tuition, fees, stipend and health insurance) to support BGS students in years 3+ will remain **\$33,020**. This continues to be well below the current maximum allowable NIH support of trainees at **\$37,740**. Although BGS strives to maintain the lowest possible cost to mentors, we cannot predict future increases in tuition, the amount of support that will be available from training grants and institutional sources, or stipend increases that may be necessary to maintain parity with our peer institutions. Also, please remember that the actual cost of a graduate student in FY11 is \$60,702. As such, we ask that future cost increases and time to degree be included when planning future student support.

LENGTH OF BGS SUPPORT: Students are fully BGS supported for 21 months. In any given academic year, mentors of rising 3rd year students will begin their support on June 1st.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE MENTOR CAP: If a mentor is supporting his/her student using departmental or other funds that are not research grants, then the costs to mentors could be higher than the mentor cap. If this is applicable to you, please contact Nam Narain at 573-2234 or narain@mail.med.upenn.edu.

MENTOR SUPPORT OF STUDENTS ON TRAINING GRANTS: Because training grants differ in the per trainee cost coverage, the level of mentor support for students on training grants varies. If training grants have not been correctly budgeted, the mentor contribution could increase from that indicated in the attached tables, but in ANY case, will NOT exceed the mentor cap of \$33,020.

MENTOR SUPPORT FOR PART OF AN ACADEMIC YEAR: If a mentor ends up supporting a student for only part of an academic year, their financial responsibility will

depend on several factors. Therefore, mentors are requested to contact the BGS office as early as possible, so that BGS staff can calculate the support required for that student.

MENTOR SUPPORT OF STUDENTS WITH INDIVIDUAL EXTRA-MURAL AWARDS:

Students who receive extramural fellowship awards relieve mentors of a portion of these costs depending on the source and on fund restrictions. Mentors are requested to contact the BGS office with details of these awards, so that BGS staff can calculate the support required for that student. However, the award itself does not replace the mentor's contribution.

Because of repeated misunderstanding of these issues, please note the following:

1. The responsibility of mentors for funding M.D.-Ph.D. and Ph.D. trainees is identical!
2. There is a real incentive for faculty participation on training grants (NIH and others). Cost to mentors of students on training grants **range**, with a maximum anticipated charge of \$18,682 - \$29,000.
3. Federal research grant funds (e.g. RO1 and PO1) may be used to compensate students that are also placed on training (T32/T35/F30/F31) grants. As per NIH rules, a trainee may receive separate compensation from an NIH grant when providing research services. Compensation may not be paid from a research grant that supports the same research that is part of the trainee's planned training experience. Under no circumstances may the conditions of the employment interfere with, detract from, or prolong the trainee's approved NRSA training program. Under Penn rules, such students are full-time graduate student appointed for research directly related to the area in which his or her degree is to be conferred and in which **equivalent research is required of all candidates as a condition for receiving such a degree.** Additional information will be provided to departmental business administrators as requested.
4. Full tuition (\$25,560) is paid to the University for BGS students in years 1-5. This is a university requirement. This means that the balance of costs following the contribution by the mentor and/or a training grant is paid by BGS, not waived. The total cost of tuition, fees, health insurance and stipend for this academic year will be \$60,702 per BGS (straight PhD) student in years 1-5 and \$78,980 per Combined Degree (MD-PHD) student in years 1-2 and then \$60,702 in years 3-5 (as a result of the flat Phd tuition policy initiated by the university, starting in Fy09).
5. The maximum duration for training grant appointments (to one or more grants) is **five years** for Ph.D. students and **six years** for M.D.-Ph.D. students; this includes MSTP appointment time.

		FY11: STUDENT COSTS BY TYPE OF FUNDING SUPPORT AND YEAR						
PhD: High Tuition								
Tuition	\$ 25,660							
Gen. Fees	\$ 2,152							
Tech. Fees	\$ 1,082							
Health	\$ 2,808							
Stipend	\$ 29,000							
TOTAL	\$ 60,702							
Years I-II		COSTS FOR STUDENTS ON NRSA'S (INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS/TRAINING GRANTS) & BGS SUPPLEMENT						
		TUITION	GEN. FEES	TECH. FEES	HEALTH	STIPEND	TOTAL	
	BGS Cost	\$ 9,660	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$ 7,820	\$23,522	
	TG Cost	\$16,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$21,180	\$37,180	
	TOTAL COSTS	\$25,660	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$60,702	
PhD: Reduced Tuition								
Diss Tuition	\$ 3,208							
Diss Gen fees	\$ 540							
Years I-II		COSTS FOR STUDENTS FULLY SUPPORTED BY BGS						
		TUITION	GEN. FEES	TECH. FEES	HEALTH	STIPEND	TOTAL	
	BGS Cost	\$25,660	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$60,702	
Years III-V		COSTS FOR STRAIGHT PHD STUDENTS ON NRSA'S (INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS/TRAINING GRANTS) WITH MENTOR SUPPORT & BGS SUPPLEMENT						
		TUITION	GEN. FEES	TECH. FEES	HEALTH	STIPEND	TOTAL	
	Mentor Cost	\$ 4,830	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$ 7,820	\$18,692	
	SOM Subvention	\$ 4,830	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,830	
	TG Cost	\$16,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$21,180	\$37,180	
	BGS Cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	TOTAL COSTS	\$25,660	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$60,702	
Years III-V		COSTS FOR STRAIGHT PHD STUDENTS ON RESEARCH GRANTS WITH BGS SUPPLEMENT						
		TUITION	GEN. FEES	TECH. FEES	HEALTH	STIPEND	TOTAL	
	Mentor Cost	\$10,020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$23,000	\$33,020	
	SOM Subvention	\$10,020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$10,020	
	BGS Cost	\$ 5,620	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$ 6,000	\$17,662	
	TOTAL COSTS	\$25,660	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$60,702	
Years III-		MENTOR COSTS FOR POST-PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS ON RESEARCH GRANTS						
		TUITION	GEN. FEES	TECH. FEES	HEALTH	STIPEND	TOTAL	
	Mentor Cost	\$ 1,604	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$33,412	
	SOM Subvention	\$ 1,604	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,604	
	TOTAL COSTS	\$ 4,348	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$35,016	
Years VI-		COSTS FOR PHD STUDENTS ON RESEARCH GRANTS						
		TUITION	GEN. FEES	TECH. FEES	HEALTH	STIPEND	TOTAL	
	Mentor Cost	\$ 1,604	\$ 540	\$ -	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$33,952	
	SOM Subvention	\$ 1,604	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,604	
	TOTAL COSTS	\$ 3,208	\$ 540	\$ -	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$35,556	
Years III-V		COSTS FOR STRAIGHT PHD STUDENTS ON NRSA'S (INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS/TRAINING GRANTS) WITH MENTOR SUPPORT & BGS SUPPLEMENT						
		TUITION	GEN. FEES	TECH. FEES	HEALTH	STIPEND	TOTAL	
	Mentor Cost	\$ 8,713	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$13,940	\$28,694	
	SOM Subvention	\$ 8,713	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,713	
	TG Cost	\$17,487	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$15,060	\$32,547	
	BGS Cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	TOTAL COSTS	\$25,660	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$60,702	
Years III-V		COSTS FOR STRAIGHT PHD STUDENTS ON NRSA'S (INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS/TRAINING GRANTS) WITH MENTOR SUPPORT & BGS SUPPLEMENT						
		TUITION	GEN. FEES	TECH. FEES	HEALTH	STIPEND	TOTAL	
	Mentor Cost	\$ 8,945	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$14,312	\$29,299	
	SOM Subvention	\$ 8,945	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,945	
	TG Cost	\$17,487	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$14,688	\$32,175	
	BGS Cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	TOTAL COSTS	\$25,660	\$ 2,152	\$ 1,082	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$60,702	
Years VI-		COSTS FOR PHD STUDENTS ON NRSA'S (INDIVIDUAL & INSTITUTIONAL)						
		TUITION	GEN. FEES	TECH. FEES	HEALTH	STIPEND	TOTAL	
	Mentor Cost	\$ 39	\$ 540	\$ -	\$ 2,808	\$ 7,820	\$11,207	
	SOM Subvention	\$ 39	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39	
	TG Cost	\$ 3,130	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$21,180	\$24,310	
	TOTAL COSTS	\$ 3,208	\$ 540	\$ -	\$ 2,808	\$29,000	\$35,556	

CD: MD Tuition		FY11: STUDENT COSTS BY TYPE OF FUNDING SUPPORT AND YEAR								
Tuition	\$ 43,960	Years 1-2	COSTS FOR NON-MSTP STUDENTS ON NRSA'S (INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS/TRAINING GRANTS) & CD SUPPLEMENT							
Gen Fees	\$ 2,152									
Tech Fees	\$ 1,012									
Dis. Ins	\$ 48									
Health	\$ 2,808									
Stipend	\$ 29,000									
Total	\$ 78,980									
CD: PhD High Tuition		Years 1-2	COSTS FOR MSTP STUDENTS SUPPLEMENTED BY CD							
Tuition	\$ 25,660									
Gen. Fees (high)	\$ 2,152									
Tech. Fees	\$ 1,082									
Health	\$ 2,808									
Stipend	\$ 29,000									
TOTAL	\$ 60,702									
CD: PhD Reduced Tuition		Year 3	COSTS FOR NON-MSTP STUDENTS ON NRSA'S (INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS/TRAINING GRANTS) & CD SUPPLEMENT							
Diss Tuition	\$ 3,208									
Diss Gen fees	\$ 540									
		Year 3	COSTS FOR MSTP STUDENTS SUPPLEMENTED BY CD							
		Years 4-5	COSTS FOR CD STUDENTS ON RESEARCH GRANTS WITH CD SUPPLEMENT							
		Years 4-5	COSTS FOR NON-MSTP STUDENTS ON NRSA'S (INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS/TRAINING GRANTS) WITH MENTOR SUPPORT & CD SUPPLEMENT							
		Year 6+ (Thesis)	COSTS FOR MD-PHD STUDENTS ON RESEARCH GRANTS							
		Year 6+ (Thesis)	COSTS FOR MD-PHD STUDENTS ON TRAINING GRANTS							
		Year 7 (Thesis & Clinics)	COSTS FOR MD-PHD STUDENTS							