

Hello NSF Students!

We are gearing up for another exciting year at USC. Before you arrive for the fall semester, we wanted to send you some general information about the upcoming academic year and to provide some important reminders.

TUITION AND BENEFITS

The Graduate School enters stipends, tuition and mandatory fees for all students who are on tenure. Enrollment in the health insurance is automatic for PhD students who have registered for classes. You will have access to your health and dental insurance, as well as the USC health center at the beginning of the semester or the summer if you are a summer start.

TUITION INSURANCE

The Graduate School covers all university mandatory fees. However, this does not include Tuition Refund Insurance. You can reject Tuition Refund Insurance at the time of registration. If you have already accepted Tuition Refund Insurance, but would like to opt out, please visit this link: <http://arr.usc.edu/services/registration/tuitionrefund.html#optingout1>.

FELLOWSHIP STIPENDS

The first fellowship stipend will be available in June for those who have declared tenure for the summer and in August for those who have declared tenure for the fall. **To receive the stipend you must register for classes.** We encourage you to work closely with the staff in your program to ensure that your stipend is processed appropriately. It is always a good idea to arrive with sufficient funds to carry you through the first month of school. You will be paid in even installments for 12 months and your top off will be included in each payment so that you are receiving at total of \$35,000 a year.

FELLOWSHIP STIPENDS FOR DOMESTIC STUDENTS

Domestic students can have their stipends direct deposited through the Office of Payment Services (formerly called Disbursement Control). The direct deposit form can be found attached to this email. If you do not sign up for direct deposit, your stipends will be mailed to the local address you have listed in Oasis so please make sure that address is up to date.

To receive your first stipend of the fall semester via direct deposit, you will need to sign up and be registered for classes no later than August 14, 2017. **If you do not register by the 14th, your first stipend will likely be late.**

If you are a returning domestic student who has already signed up for direct deposit through Payment Services (formerly Disbursement Control), your first stipend will be deposited into the account you have previously designated. Please make sure your account information is up to date.

If you have questions about direct deposit, please contact Payment Services at 213-740-2716 or APhelp@usc.edu.

Stipends are available by the 26th of each month. Though you may receive your stipends via direct deposit before the 26th, the stipend schedule does not run through Payment Services on

the same day each month, so you will not always receive your stipend on the same day each month.

COST OF EDUCATION

As an NSF student, you have access to a \$5,000 Cost of Education that will be administered by the Graduate School. Attached are general guidelines for how to access the funds, but the Graduate School will also host a session with our business office later in the summer to go over the specifics of the process. We will email you soon when we have a date set for this session.

You will be able to access your COE in June if you have declared tenure in the summer or August if you have declared tenure for the fall. You will receive this fund every year you are on tenure. Funds will roll over from year to year. You will have access to any funds you have accrued even if you are on reserve.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on our various social media sites for updates about external funding, news stories about fellow students, photos of events and more!



We look forward to seeing you all this fall! If you have any questions, please send them to gradflw@usc.edu.

Cheers,

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