

## **Fifth Year Funding**

The School of Business PhD Program provides funding for students in their first four years of the program. Funding in the fifth year is conditional upon students' performance and progress. The PhD Office will request that students submit an electronic copy of their curriculum vitae. The PhD Office will also solicit feedback from students' supervisory committee chairs to determine if the students have met the criteria listed below. This document outlines the funding options solely from the PhD Office, and the criteria to qualify for those options.

### **Criteria:**

1. The first criterion is approval of the Dissertation Topic Proposal. The form must be signed and submitted to the PhD Office by the end of spring semester of the 4th year.
2. A second criterion is research achievement. The question considered here is whether the student has a record of research excellence. Indicators of research excellence include, but are not limited to, publication in top-tier journals, revise and resubmits at top-tier journals, and/or leadership on co-authored papers that are published or advancing toward publication in top-tier journals. Conference papers, secondary journals, or even publications at top-tier journals where the student's contribution is relatively minor may not be sufficient to qualify one for fifth-year funding. The Director of Graduate Studies will consult with the student's supervisor committee to determine whether a student is making sufficient progress, has a record of research excellence, and should therefore be given fifth year funding. The research achievement criterion is intended to set a high standard of research achievement in order to qualify for the additional funding.

### **Funding options:**

1. **Student does NOT meet either criteria one or two**
  - a. No funding
2. **Student meets one of the two criteria**
  - a. Stipend:
    - i. Students will receive a HALF stipend.
    - ii. Students will be paid at .25 FTE and will be required to continue working as a Graduate Research Assistant/Teaching Assistant for 10 hours per week.
    - iii. Students' stipends will be paid the same way they have been paid in the past.
  - b. Tuition:
    - i. Students in their 5<sup>th</sup> year only need to register for three credit hours per semester.

- ii. Both resident and nonresident students are assessed resident tuition and fees if they are only registered for thesis research.
  - iii. The PhD Office will pay HALF mandatory tuition/fees for fall and spring semesters.
- c. Health Insurance:
  - i. The PhD Office will pay the annual premium for student health insurance.
- d. Research Money:
  - i. The PhD Office will provide \$500 in research money.

**3. Student meets both criteria one and two**

- a. Stipend:
  - i. Students will receive a FULL stipend.
  - ii. Students will be paid at .50 FTE and will be required to continue working as a Graduate Research Assistant/Teaching Assistant for 20 hours per week.
  - iii. Students' stipends will be paid the same way they have been paid in the past.
- b. Tuition:
  - i. Students in their 5<sup>th</sup> year only need to register for three credit hours per semester.
  - ii. Both resident and nonresident students are assessed resident tuition and fees if they are only registered for thesis research.
  - iii. The PhD Office will pay FULL mandatory tuition/fees for fall and spring semesters.
- c. Health Insurance:
  - i. The PhD Office will pay the annual premium for student health insurance.
- d. Research Money:
  - i. The PhD Office will provide \$1000 in research money.