

# Cost of a PhD graduate student in the SoM FY'27-DRAFT (05.12.26)

Graduate Studies Office- School of Medicine

FY'27 (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027)

	Cost to FACULTY Supporting PhD students in FY'26 (reference only)	Cost to FACULTY supporting PhD student In FY'27	RELEVANT POLICIES: <a href="https://www.ohsu.edu/school-of-medicine/graduate-studies/forms-policies-and-resources">https://www.ohsu.edu/school-of-medicine/graduate-studies/forms-policies-and-resources</a> <a href="#">PhD Student Stipend Policy</a>   <a href="#">MOU Stipend Gap</a>   <a href="#">MOU Tuition Waiver and Exemption</a>   <a href="#">Budgeting for a GR</a>
STIPEND	\$40,700	<b>\$41,110</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stipend paid biweekly via payroll; reported to IRS on W2, FICA exempt if primary status is as student. Effective the first full pay period after July 1, 2026.</li> <li>Stipend can be divided between multiple grants, SOM and department accounts, but benefits cannot be separated from stipend and will be charged by same % as stipend.</li> <li>If a federal institution or individual training grant supports part of the stipend- the gap between the pre-doc federal stipend, currently \$29,364 (<a href="#">see NIH Salary Chart</a>) and OHSU stipend cannot be filled using federal dollars. Stipend Gap funding from the School of Medicine can be requested for the FY 27 cycle (July 1, 2026-June 30, 2027).</li> </ul>
TUITION AND FEES   billed BY TERM using exemption billing (calculated based on official Registrar proposal to be confirmed in June 2026)			
Tuition	minimum/year: \$4,994 or maximum allowed and included on grants or full tuition	minimum/year: <b>\$5,088</b> or maximum allowed and included on grants see Stipend Gap MOU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$7,550/term/nine credit hours + \$837 each additional credit/term (2% tuition credit increase over FY26).</li> <li>Collected is either <u>\$1,255/term minimum</u> (cost of 1.5 credits) from research grants/other funds or <u>max allowed tuition on fellowships/training grants</u>. For example, NIH T/F series grants allow collection of up to 60% of tuition; to max of \$16,000/year (PhD) or \$21,000/year (MD/PhD) for tuition/fees; NSF grants include \$12,000 tuition (MOU Tuition Waiver &amp; Exemption).</li> <li>Students not receiving a stipend may be charged the full amount of tuition in the FY27 Tuition and Fee Book.</li> <li><b>Minimum tuition exemption for FY'27: \$1,272 per term</b> (\$1,255 tuition + \$17 GSO Fee)</li> </ul>
University fee	\$2,332	<b>\$2,332</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$583/term</li> </ul>
All-Hill Student council	\$68	<b>\$80</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$20/term (\$3 increase from FY26)</li> </ul>
Graduate Student Organization (GSO)	\$68	\$68	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$17/term (paid as tuition in addition to the \$1,272 tuition minimum)</li> </ul>
HEALTH INSURANCE   paid from OPE that is charged to research grant budgets			
Students under GRU bargaining agreement	\$7,719	<b>\$8,443*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Rate will remain \$7,719 until 09/27/26. New rate of \$8,443 goes into effect at start of Fall term 2026 (09/28/26).</li> <li>\$324/bi-weekly through payroll, over 26 pay periods. <a href="#">See Pacific Source GRU Health Insurance Plan</a>.</li> <li>This is a Flex Benefit. Payroll will apportion, at same % as stipend, between stipend sources.</li> <li>On training grants benefits follow stipend percentages and are charged against the \$4,750 institutional allowance: remainder of this cost must come from non-federal funds. Stipend Gap coverage can also be requested to cover this flex benefit gap.</li> </ul>
Dependents of students under GRU bargaining agreement	OHSU subsidy: \$4,200 total GR remaining premium: \$3,519	OHSU subsidy: \$4,200 total GR remaining premium: \$4,243	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subsidy: OHSU (funds charged to stipend source) subsidizes dependent insurance. For FY27 subsidies \$1,400/dependent/term for medical/vision coverage (x 3 terms) = \$4,200/dependent/year.</li> <li>Maximum 4 dependents.</li> </ul>
Students not under GRU bargaining contract*	\$7,239 medical, vision, dental	\$7,920 medical, vision, dental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan is here: <a href="https://www.ohsu.edu/education/student-health-insurance-plan">https://www.ohsu.edu/education/student-health-insurance-plan</a></li> <li>Medical, dental, vision not available to dependents.</li> </ul>
OTHER COSTS			
Labor Distribution (LD), Other OPE and Paid Leave Oregon (PLO)	\$600*	<b>\$625*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Payroll tax. Noted at LD Other OPE at rate of 1.52% for FY27. This charge covers: Transit Employer Tax, Parental Leave Accrual, Tri County Transit Tax, UMSAF MSA ER Fee, UWP ER WC Premium, Workers Comp ER Adj, Workers Compensation, WST DOR Tax Special Inputs, Paid Leave Oregon (PLO), etc.</li> <li>Unallowable on training grants and fellowships since 'training fellows and students' are not employees under federal rules. This charge must be removed for each pay period and covered by department or other non-federal funds.</li> </ul>
ANNUAL cost PhD student in SOM	\$56,413 <i>Reference only sum bold numbers above</i>	<b>\$57,678</b> <i>sum of costs in RED BOLD above</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculated using minimum \$5,088 for tuition and using GRU insurance for students without dependents at \$8,443.</li> <li>Annual costs could increase by \$4,200/dependent. Max 4 dependents (this is budgeted in grant as OPE (LD Flex OPE)).</li> <li>Maximum cost of a graduate student compensation package that can be charged to federal grants cannot exceed minimum stipend of a 0-level postdoc; (\$63,480) <a href="#">Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA)</a> Stipends, published annually in April by NIH.</li> <li>Average OPE rate for FY27 GRU is 22.45%. <a href="#">See FY27 OPE Chart</a> (Used for administrative budgeting purposes)</li> </ul>