

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY & EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY
Sample Funding Package

Estimated cost of a NON-RESIDENT student on the department's standard funding plan, not including registration fees. Year 1 stipend rate shown here is for the 2025-26 year. This model assumes increases in years 2-5 for tuition, stipend, and health/dental by a sample rate of 3.5% per year. Stipend rates are set by the UM/GEO Contract, so actual percentages will be different from year to year. Dollar amounts here are representative of a typical funding package over a 5-year period for students in good standing.

	Tuition ¹		Stipend ²			Value of GradCare + Dental			TOTALS
	Fall	Winter	Fall	Winter	S/S ³	Fall ⁴	Winter	S/S	
Year 1 <i>Pre-Candidate</i>	\$29,727	\$29,727	\$14,596	\$14,596	\$14,596	\$1,716	\$1,776	\$1,776	\$108,510
Year 2 <i>Candidate</i>	\$8,186	\$8,186	\$15,107	\$15,107	\$15,107	\$1,776	\$1,838	\$1,838	\$67,145
Year 3 <i>Candidate</i>	\$8,473	\$8,473	\$15,635	\$15,635	\$15,635	\$1,838	\$1,902	\$1,902	\$69,493
Year 4 <i>Candidate</i>	\$8,769	\$8,769	\$16,182	\$16,182	\$16,182	\$1,902	\$1,969	\$1,969	\$71,924
Year 5 <i>Candidate</i>	\$9,076	\$9,076	\$16,749	\$16,749	\$16,749 ⁵	\$1,969	\$2,038	\$2,038	\$74,444
TOTALS	\$64,231	\$64,231	\$78,269	\$78,269	\$78,269	\$9,201	\$9,523	\$9,523	\$391,516

Notes:

1 (Candidacy Tuition)	Tuition reduces when a student becomes a candidate.
2 (Stipend Rate)	Stipend rate for teaching and for fellowships is equivalent to a .50 Graduate Student Instructor Rate. For units with research opportunities, stipend and tuition amounts may be different. Year 1 stipend rate shown above includes the 6% GEO contract increase in 2025-26. All other years assume a 3.5% stipend increase only for modeling purposes.
3 (Spring/Summer)	U-M has two primary academic terms (also called semesters): fall term, which runs approximately September through December, and winter term which runs approximately January through April. You must be registered during the Fall and Winter Terms. May through August is considered the spring/summer (S/S) term. Students do not register for classes in the spring/summer term.
4 (Year 1 Fall semester GradCare + Dental Coverage)	GradCare + Dental Coverage includes prorated cost for Year 1 fall semester due to coverage start date (August 25)
5 (Year 5 S/S stipend)	Funding provided only if needed. Students should aim to defend their dissertation and graduate during the winter term of Year 5.

**Health and dental insurance cost estimate based on one person, however, coverage also extended to eligible dependents. Please see benefits website for additional information at: <http://benefits.umich.edu/index.html>

Note for Incoming Students: Precandidate and Candidate Status

A student begins a graduate program as a "precandidate." This is typically the first year of our PhD program in which courses are taken, though some research may begin as well. Once a precandidate satisfies the requirements (successful completion of courses and the EEB 730 paper) that demonstrate mastery of the discipline's concepts, the student achieves "candidacy." At this point, tuition rates for a graduate student candidate are reduced.