

McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program:

University of Florida Funding Structure

Effective Fall 2017

“The McKnight Doctoral Fellowship program is designed to address the under-representation of African American and Hispanic faculty at colleges and universities in the state of Florida by increasing the pool of citizens qualified with PhD degrees to teach at the college and university levels.” (Florida Education Foundation, 2016)

The McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program is an annual award (12-month) that provides a \$12,000 stipend for 3 years with the expectation that the participating universities will support the student for an additional 2 years. At the University of Florida (UF), these awards will be used as supplements to enhance research and teaching assistant (RA/TA) stipends for PhD students selected as McKnight Doctoral Fellows. Participating departments must agree to support McKnight Doctoral Fellows by providing, at a minimum, a .33 FTE graduate research or teaching assistantship (RA/TA) with appropriate stipends for the first four years.

For years 1-3, RA/TA stipends and fees will be augmented by the \$12,000 McKnight awards. The Graduate School will cover tuition for the RA/TA at 9 credits for Fall and Spring and 6 credits for Summer, and health insurance for the first 3 years.

In the fourth year, the Graduate School will provide the \$12,000 supplemental stipend, 9 credits for Fall and Spring and 6 credits for Summer, and fees. The participating departments will provide an assistantship of at least a .33 FTE and provide health insurance.

For the fifth year, if needed, participating departments must agree to provide a .50 FTE RA/TA and tuition and health insurance. The Graduate School will provide a \$6,500 supplement to augment the fifth-year stipend and will pay the student's fees.

Please note, the McKnight is a fellowship program, and the Graduate School registration policies require graduate students on pre-doctoral fellowships to register for 12 credits in Fall and Spring semesters, and 8 credits in the Summer semester. However, when a graduate student is on a departmental RA/TA appointment in conjunction with a pre-doctoral fellowship, the registration requirement is reduced to 9 credits for Fall and Spring and 6 credits in the Summer. Therefore, the academic unit is required to submit a [petition](#) to the Graduate School, for each McKnight fellow, requesting a reduction of required course registration each term. The following link provides more information with regards to registration requirements for graduate students:

<http://gradcatalog.ufl.edu/content.php?catoid=10&navoid=2020#registration>

See Table 1 for the basic McKnight Doctoral Fellowship structure. See Tables 2, 3a, 3b for the funding structures for graduate students receiving Graduate School Funding Awards (GSFA) or Graduate School Preeminence Awards (GSPA).

Table 4 describes the McKnight Fellowship funding structure for students with a National Science Foundation Bridge to the Doctorate Fellowship. For these students, the McKnight fellowship will be deferred for the first two years while the students are on the NSF Bridge to the Doctorate funding. The basic McKnight funding structure will begin in year 3. A sixth year of departmental support will be required if the student needs the additional year for degree completion. The Graduate School will provide a \$6,500 supplement and cover student fees for year 6.

Table 1. Basic UF McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Structure

Funding Source	Years 1-3	Year 4	Year 5
FEF (McKnight)	Stipend: \$12,000 and Fees		
Department	Assistantship stipend at .33 FTE	Assistantship stipend at .33 FTE and health insurance	Assistantship stipend at .50 FTE, tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and health insurance
Graduate School	Tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and health insurance	\$12,000 Stipend, tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and Fees	\$6,500 Stipend Fees

Table 2. UF McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Structure with GSFA – Total Stipend \$30,000

Funding Source	Years 1-3	Year 4	Year 5
FEF (McKnight)	Stipend: \$12,000 and Fees		
Department	Assistantship stipend at \$18,000	Assistantship stipend at \$18,000 and health insurance	Assistantship stipend at .50 FTE \$23,500, tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and health insurance
Graduate School	Tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and health insurance	\$12,000 Stipend, tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and Fees	\$6,500 stipend and Fees

Table 3a. UF McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Structure with GSPA – Total Stipend for Non-STEM is \$33,000

Funding Source	Years 1-3	Year 4	Year 5
FEF (McKnight)	Stipend: \$12,000 and Fees		
Department	Assistantship stipend at \$21,000	Assistantship stipend at \$21,000 and health insurance	Assistantship stipend at .50 FTE \$26,500, tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and health insurance
Graduate School	Tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and health insurance	\$12,000 Stipend tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and Fees	\$6,500 Stipend and Fees

Table 3b. UF McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Structure with GSPA – Total Stipend for STEM is \$36,000

Funding Source	Years 1-3	Year 4	Year 5
FEF (McKnight)	Stipend: \$12,000 and Fees		
Department	Assistantship stipend at \$24,000	Assistantship stipend at \$24,000 and health insurance	Assistantship stipend at .50 FTE for \$29,500, tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and health insurance
Graduate School	Tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and health insurance	\$12,000 Stipend tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and Fees	\$6,500 Stipend and Fees

Table 4. UF McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Structure for Bridge to Doctorate Students

Funding Source	Years 1-2	Years 3-5	Year 6
FEF (McKnight)	deferred	Stipend: \$12,000 and Fees	
Department		Assistantship stipend at .33 FTE and health insurance	Assistantship stipend at 0.50 FTE, tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer) and health insurance
Graduate School	Fellowship stipend: \$32,000 tuition (12 credits Fall/Spring; 8 credits Summer), fees, and health insurance	Tuition (9 credits Fall/Spring; 6 credits Summer)	\$6,500 Stipend and Fees