

**URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING  
DOCTORAL PROGRAM  
FUNDING CHART 2025-2026**



TERM YEAR	YEAR 1			YEAR 2			YEAR 3		
	Fall 2025	Winter 2026	Spring/Summer 2026	Fall 2026	Winter 2027	Spring/Summer 2027	Fall 2027	Winter 2028	Spring/Summer 2028
TUITION	Pre-Candidate Tuition Waiver	Pre-Candidate Tuition Waiver		Pre-Candidate Tuition Waiver	Pre-Candidate Tuition Waiver		Candidate Tuition Waiver	Candidate Tuition Waiver	
50% STIPEND	\$13,770	\$13,770	\$13,770	\$13,770	\$13,770	\$13,770	\$13,770	\$13,770	\$13,770
HEALTH CARE (12 months)	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610
TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE	<b>\$104,876</b>			<b>\$106,554</b>			<b>\$65,092</b>		
MILESTONES AND PROGRESS REVIEW	Annual Report Satisfactory Progress Maintained			Annual Report Satisfactory Progress Maintained Complete Comprehensive Exam by the end of May to <a href="#">Advance to Candidacy by Fall Term</a> (Year 3)			Annual Report Satisfactory Progress Maintained Dissertation Proposal Defense by End of Fall Term		

  

TERM YEAR	YEAR 4			YEAR 5			YEAR 6		
	Fall 2028	Winter 2029	Spring/Summer 2029	Fall 2029	Winter 2030	Spring/Summer 2030	Fall 2030	Winter 2031	Spring/Summer 2031
TUITION	Candidate Tuition Waiver	Candidate Tuition Waiver		Candidate Tuition Waiver	Candidate Tuition Waiver		Candidate Tuition Waiver	Candidate Tuition Waiver	
50% STIPEND	\$13,770	\$13,770	\$13,770	\$13,770	\$13,770		External fellowship secured by student		
HEALTH CARE (12 months)	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610	\$1,610
TOTAL ESTIMATED VALUE	<b>\$65,329</b>			<b>\$49,572</b>			<b>\$22,538</b>		
MILESTONES AND PROGRESS REVIEW	Annual Report Satisfactory Progress Maintained			Annual Report Satisfactory Progress Maintained			Annual Report Satisfactory Progress Maintained		

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**OPTIONAL RACKHAM RESEARCH GRANTS**

<a href="#">Pre-Candidate</a>	\$1,500 Must apply; Not guaranteed
<a href="#">Candidate</a>	\$3,000 Must apply; Not guaranteed

**STIPEND**

A stipend is a monthly payment provided to you to cover living and miscellaneous expenses. All Ph.D. students are provided a 50% stipend rate. Stipends are provided for fall, winter, spring/summer terms for a maximum of 4 years. The fifth year stipend is only awarded for fall and winter terms.

**HEALTH INSURANCE (GRADCARE)**

All Ph.D. students and any dependents are provided health insurance during fall, winter and spring/summer terms of your entire program of study. Taubman College also covers your partner and dependents, if applicable.

Annual Health Insurance Benefit	\$4,830
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**STIPEND RATES (50%)**

Per Term	\$13,770
Per Month	\$3,442

New rates are approved annually around July.

**ANNUAL TUITION AND FEES**

Pre-Candidate (Non Resident)	\$54,296
Pre-Candidate (Resident)	\$37,156
Candidate	\$15,438

New rates are approved annually around July.

Tuition is assessed once you have registered for coursework.

All Ph.D. students are provided full tuition waivers for up to 6 years.

**GSI TEACHING REQUIREMENTS**

One fall or one winter semester for each of the first 5 years will have a GSI teaching requirement. This is determined based on annual teaching needs.

**LEGEND**

Gray = External Fellowship

Students may be offered a Rackham One-Term Dissertation Grant or must apply to other competitive funding programs (like Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, other UM-funding or non-UM-funding.)

**\*Taubman College funding coverage (tuition, fees & healthcare) expires after year 6.**

**DISCLOSURES**

All such awards are contingent upon satisfactory completion of program requirements in a timely fashion. The University requires background checks for all individuals who have an appointment or employment at the University. Because your funding offer includes your appointment as a Graduate Student Instructor (GSI) or Graduate Student Research Assistant (GSRA), and/or Graduate Student Staff Assistant (GSSA), a background check prior to your first appointment in any one of these positions is needed. Your funding commitment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background check, which includes the successful resolution of any issues that might arise, prior to the commencement of your first appointment.

Changes to funding/support are not retroactive.

If you defend in the spring/summer, there is no Taubman College funding offered.