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Subject: Coverage of Health Insurance for PhD Students

Dear Colleagues:

In our August 25 message [regarding support for PhD students](#), we announced that the University is now providing funding for single-payer health insurance coverage to all eligible full-time PhD students across the University.

We are following-up with some additional guidance with respect to the coverage of health insurance for PhD students supported on external sponsored programs. Sponsored program proposals submitted on or after July 1, 2023, must include single-payer student health insurance from University Health Services for PhD students for whom stipends are charged to the sponsored program awards. For budgeting considerations, the current premium is \$3,492 and is set on an annual basis each year by UHS. It is important to note that these costs will be treated uniformly whether paid by sponsored programs or other funding sources.

We recognize that some external sponsored program awards will not cover these costs or funding caps may impose limits on what can be covered. In this case, external sponsored programs can be categorized as follows:

- External Grants - budget should accommodate health insurance costs
- External Grants - health insurance costs not allowed
- External Student Grant - students receive outside support from another source directly (e.g., Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Grants, Fulbright Fellowship Grants)

For external sponsored programs that do not allow for health insurance costs, documentation should be provided to the applicable Dean's office at the time of proposal submission. For all other external funding sources, the expectation is that the health insurance costs will be included in proposal budgets for students whose stipends are charged to the external funding.

In instances where stipends are allocated among more than one funding source, the health insurance costs must be similarly allocated.

We will work with ORPA on posting additional FAQs as questions arise related to proposal costs and allocation of health insurance costs after the award. Please direct questions to your school dean.

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