



April 29, 2022

Dear Incoming BGS Student:

I am writing to you with information regarding your fellowship. In order to have your stipend check processed, you will need to submit payroll documentation and complete all onboarding tasks assigned to you in your Workday inbox, you will need to [log into Workday](#) to complete assigned tasks. Please have all Workday tasks completed by the matriculation start date. Please see the payroll checklist for acceptable forms of identification and instructions on how to submit your documents via Secure Share. If you do not have the documents necessary to certify your citizenship in your possession, please make arrangements to obtain them now. *(For example, if you need to have a new social security card issued, it will take 10 to 15 working days for the new card to be processed after filing the request with the Social Security Office).* Payroll related forms and information are posted on the BGS website at <https://www.med.upenn.edu/bgs/financial-information-2022.html>.

Please return original completed payroll documents, including copies of required IDs via secure share (**instructions provided in the FAQ document**) **on or before May 20, 2022** – this is the date by which all materials must be received by our office. If you fail to meet this deadline, your June stipend will be delayed.

Your stipend will be paid in monthly installments at a rate of \$2,916.66 per month through August 31, 2022. The stipend amount will increase to \$3,083.33/month beginning with your September 30th paycheck. You will be paid on the *last business day of every month*. Your first stipend check will be issued on **Thursday, June 30, 2022** and will be pro-rated pay for the June 6th start date.

The University encourages all students to sign up for direct deposit of their stipend checks. Arrangements for direct deposit of your stipend check can be completed through [Workday@Penn](#). Instructions can be found under *Workday Onboarding tasks* on the BGS website. Directly depositing into your banks checking or savings account ensures speedier access to your monthly stipend. An electronic record of your payslip is also available at [Workday@Penn](#).

Please be advised that your stipend is subject to federal income tax. The University does not withhold taxes from your stipend check; therefore, beginning with the 2022 tax year, it will be necessary for you to file estimated taxes on a quarterly basis. General information regarding taxes will be distributed to you upon arrival.

**If you have any questions relating to the payroll documents, please contact Jill Baxter at (215) 573-2234 or via email at [jabaxter@upenn.edu](mailto:jabaxter@upenn.edu).**

In addition to your stipend, your fellowship covers your tuition, general/clinical fees and *single* coverage health insurance (Aetna/US Healthcare-Chickering, annual approximate base coverage of \$4,522). You can sign up online. SHS' contact information is: 215-746-3535, <http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/shs/>. Please make sure that you completed your health insurance forms in a timely fashion. For additional information regarding the health insurance plans, please contact Student Health Services directly or visit their website.

Each month the Student Financial Services Office (SFS) will send you a bill. Please review the bill for personal charges like monthly rent, Pennrex, prescription drugs etc. You are responsible for clearing all personal charges in a timely fashion, to avoid generating late fees. The BGS office will request removal ONLY of late fees generated due to the late payment of tuition/fees/health insurance. The BGS office will initiate tuition payments after the end of the drop period for course registration in each term. For Fall 2022, drop period *end date is TBD* and for the Spring 2023 term, drop *period end date is TBD*. You will continue to receive monthly bills until the balance owed has been cleared. If your tuition payments have not been processed by mid-October in the Fall term and mid-February in the Spring term, please deliver your most recent monthly bill to **Sherita Blair** in 417 Anat.-Chem. Bldg., e-mail [blairsh@penntext.upenn.edu](mailto:blairsh@penntext.upenn.edu), or call (215) 573-2458. If you have any questions regarding any of the tuition/fees related charges in the bill, please contact Sherita Blair.

If you have any questions regarding the information above, please contact the BGS Office upon arrival.

On behalf of the BGS Finance Office we look forward to seeing you in June.

Sincerely,



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NOTE: Non-US students have additional documents included in their payroll paperwork. Questions regarding these forms should be addressed to the Penn Corporate Tax Office, Room 329, 3541 Walnut Street, Ph: 215-898-6573

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Student Name Printed

Student's Graduate Group

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Student Signature

Date