

## Funding Your Graduate PhD Degree

### FORMS of FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Research Assistantship (RA) – financial support provided by EECS faculty or EECS-affiliated research staff

Teaching Assistantship (TA) – financial support provided by the EECS Department

Fellowship

Internal (for example – MIT Presidential or EECS Departmental Fellowship)

External (for example – NSF Graduate Research Fellowship or International)

EECS Departmental Funds – support provided for students until a research advisor is found

Financial Support includes:

Appointment	MEng/SM Stipend per month	PhD Stipend per month
Research Assistant	\$4232	\$4547
Teaching Assistant	\$4232	\$4547
MIT/EECS Fellowship	\$4547	\$4547
External Fellowship	\$4343	\$4754
Tuition		\$61,990
Medical Insurance (single)		AY 2024-25 \$3603

### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ✓ **EECS PhD graduate students are fully funded throughout the entire duration of their graduate program assuming good progress in their research and in their academic activities.** While working toward the graduate degree, a combination of the various forms of financial support, as described above, is used to cover the monthly stipend, tuition and annual medical insurance.
- ✓ For **first year students**, financial support is guaranteed and is provided by either a RA or fellowship or departmental support. The guaranteed support enables each new student to find the research project and research group that are the most interesting and appropriate for their professional goals. If your research advisor is not affiliated with EECS, your RA assistantship will be provided by that individual.
- ✓ **First year students** typically join a research group during the first semester; all new students are working on their research project by the first summer session following matriculation into the graduate program. Once in a research group, the principal investigator will provide financial support with a RA (unless the student has received a fellowship).
- ✓ **First year students** will not be funded with a teaching assistant appointment.
- ✓ Some external fellowships may require supplementation if full financial support is not provided by the fellowship; seek guidance from the graduate office staff to determine the supplementation.
- ✓ A significant external fellowship award is required to receive the stipends listed above and will be determined on a case-by-case basis; seek assistance from graduate office staff.