

## F31 and other Federal pre-doctoral awards: Stipend Policy

F31 and other federal pre-doctoral fellowship awards are currently capped so that they do not meet the current stipend levels of our graduate programs. This stipend gap cannot be met by being charged to any federal grant and is normally met by the faculty sponsor's discretionary research funds. To incentivize the attainment of these fellowships by our graduate students, ECAS will provide financial support to meet the stipend gap. Specifically, ECAS will provide the stipend gap to the regular stipend level of the relevant graduate program by transfer to the faculty's non-sponsored/unrestricted research account. Any bonus that a graduate program adds to the regular stipend as an incentive to the graduate student attaining an F31 or similar award will not be met. Health insurance must be purchased by the student, and we suggest charging this to the Institutional Allowance of the F31 or other award.

If a faculty sponsor wishes to make use of this allowance they must provide the following information to the Office of Research and Funding Support (ORFS) on a yearly basis (AY).

1. Faculty Name, rank and departmental affiliation.
2. Non-sponsored/unrestricted research account into which the requested funds are to be deposited. Funds will be transferred by the end of the AY in which they are requested.
3. Name of the F31 awardee and graduate program affiliation with expected degree date.
4. Regular stipend level of the graduate program in question.
5. F31 number and start and end dates with relevant stipend level provided.

This information should be sent to the Senior Associate Dean for Research in ECAS (currently Ronald L. Calabrese [biolrc@emory.edu](mailto:biolrc@emory.edu)) and his/her assistant (currently Connie Copeland [ccope01@emory.edu](mailto:ccope01@emory.edu)). This support program effective date was September 1, 2016. The support is not retroactive; request must be submitted during the current AY.