2017 Ivy+ Summit Survey - Harvard

Demographics -

Number of Undergraduate students: 6,645
Number of GSAS students: 4,332 AM and PhD students in GSAS
Number of Professional students: 9,152
Percent female in GSAS: 44%
Percent international in GSAS: 35%
Percent Underrepresented Minority in GSAS (American Indians or Alaska Natives, Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders): 6.3%

Funding

Stipends

   Humanities: $28,020               Number of months/year funded: 10 + $5,604 for summer
   Social Sciences: $28,020          Number of months/year funded: 10 + $5,604 for summer
   Natural Sciences: $37,760-$37,260 Number of months/year funded: 12

Is deferment possible? Occasionally, upon request and department approval
Are there emergency funds available? Yes

Graduate school-specific

Average years to completion:

   Humanities: 7 years median
   Social Sciences: 6 years median
   Natural Sciences (and Engineering): 5 years median
TA Requirements:

Humanities: Typically 2 sections per term for at least two years beginning the 3rd year of graduate school

Social Sciences: Typically 2 sections per term for at least two years beginning the 3rd year of graduate school

Natural Sciences (and Engineering): Varies from 1 semesters to two years; fellowships or research appointment may replace teaching requirement

Healthcare:

Please describe your general health insurance.
Student Health Fee $1142 (Subsidized for most GSAS students) – Required
Student Health Insurance Plan $3,130

Please describe your prescription coverage.
Prescription drug coverage is included in the Student Health Insurance Plan and is administered by Blue Cross Blue Shield. There is no dollar limit on the prescription drug benefit. Prescriptions are placed into three tiers that determine your copay. Your cost for up to a 30-day supply:
Tier 1 $17, Tier 2 $40, Tier 3 $55, Other 50% coinsurance
for Malarone, Mefloquine, Coartem, and Primaquine

Please describe your hospitalization coverage.
Covered under Student Health Insurance Plan ($100 copayment at lower cost share hospitals/$500 copayment at higher costs share hospitals).

What are your maternity/paternity policies?
Maternity is covered under the Student Health Insurance Plan. GSAS has a Parental Accommodation and Financial Support (PAFS) for New Parents policy which provides new parents (female or male, childbirth or adoption) the equivalent of twelve weeks Teaching Fellow pay ($6,420) in a lump sum when the child is born or adopted. Students may also take up to twelve weeks off from duties. In addition, GSAS adjusts the Graduate Year clock by one year for new parents.
**What is your child care coverage?**

The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences has partnered with [Care.com](https://www.care.com) to provide a new benefit to students in the fall of 2017.

Care.com allows families to search for, vet, connect with, and ultimately select caregivers in a low-cost, reliable and easy way. The site helps parents identify babysitters, nannies, child care centers, family day care, camps, tutors, and special needs providers. Parents can also find help to cover sick days, school closings, and other times when last-minute child care is needed.

GSAS will provide free access to a Care.com membership, subsidized backup in-home childcare and adult care, and subsidized backup care at child care centers.

**Benefit will subsidize:** 10 days of care per year for children and/or adults. Benefit year is from October 1 to September 30.

**Rates for GSAS students enrolled in this benefit:** $5/hour co-pay by credit card for in-home childcare and adult care, $10 per child per day at child care centers.

**Please describe any specialty care.**

Allergy & Asthma, Mammography, Physical Therapy, Dermatology, Mental Health, Podiatry, Ear, Nose, & Throat (ENT), Neurology, Rheumatology, Endocrinology/Diabetology, Nutrition, Surgery, Gastroenterology, Ophthalmology, Urology, Gynecology/Obstetrics, Orthopedics, X-ray/Ultrasound. Outside HUHS specialty services are limited.

**Please describe your mental healthcare coverage.**

The Student Health Fee covers mental/behavioral health visits at Harvard University Health Services (HUHS). There is no visit limit at HUHS; the number of visits is based on medical necessity as determined by the provider. The Student Health Insurance Plan includes coverage for the following mental health services outside of Harvard University Health Services:

- Outpatient visits for mental health including alcoholism (40 visit limit)
- Psychopharmacology/medication management visits (subject to medical office visit limit)
- Inpatient admissions in a general hospital, psychiatric hospital, or substance abuse facility ($100 copayment at a lower cost share hospital/$500 copayment at higher cost share hospitals)

**Please describe any dependent discount for healthcare coverage.**

Child $3,580; Second child $1,802; Additional children $0

**Please describe your dental coverage.**

Optional. Harvard University Health Services (HUHS) has partnered with Dental Blue to offer a dental plan to students and their dependents for AY17-18. The Dental Blue plan coverage will begin on August 1, 2017. Convenient in-network access on campus to the HUHS Dental
Service and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) Dental Center. Annual deductible is $50 per individual / $150 per family. The maximum plan benefit is $1,500 per person per plan year.

**Please describe your optical coverage.**

Routine ophthalmology care at HUHS is covered under HUSHP. HUHS ophthalmology services are available by referral from your HUHS primary care provider. Eye glasses, contact lens services, and vision corrective surgery (e.g., LASIK) are not covered. Vision Care Services at HUHS offers a range of fee-for-service vision care for children and adults, including eye examinations (refraction, dilation, and pressure-checking), prescriptions for eyeglasses, sunglasses, safety glasses, and contact lenses.

**Housing/Space**

**How many beds for on-campus graduate student housing?** The GSAS residence halls have 410 beds in total

**How many beds for off-campus graduate student housing?** Approximately 3,000 apartment units & 120 dormitory rooms are available through the Harvard University Housing (HUH) portfolio. This equates to 4,420 bedrooms total. Graduate students make up approximately 85% of the Harvard housing residential population.

**What is the proportion of graduate students living on campus?** Approximately 6% of graduate students live in the GSAS residence halls

**What is the range of monthly rent charged by the university?** $775 (small residence hall room) - $4,000 (4-bedroom apartment)

**As compared to the undergraduate residences at your university, where are the graduate dormitories located?**

The four GSAS graduate residence halls are located close to each other and on the main Harvard campus, in the North Yard. The residence halls are close to the science buildings, and are a very short walk to Harvard Yard where most other departments, the main library, and Dudley House, the graduate student center, and dining hall are located. In most cases, the GSAS residence halls are located approximately the same distance from Harvard Yard as the undergraduate Houses are.

**Do graduate students have specific facilities for social events and entertainment (such as common room, specific library, etc.)? What are they?**

Harvard Campus has Dudley House, located in Lehman Hall, which serves as a graduate student center. The space here includes the graduate dining hall, as well as a library, study
and meeting areas, student-run café, and a game room with ping-pong and pool tables, TV, etc. Dudley House Fellows (GSAS students) organize many activities for students to participate in, which vary from small groups interested in knitting, to local outings into Boston for plays, or even large trips, such as a hiking trip to New Hampshire in the fall and a Ski trip to Maine in the winter. Large parties during Orientation, a Winter Formal and Spring Fling held in the Main Dining Room and smaller events like ice cream socials, international food events, movie nights, and wine tastings held in other meeting areas are always organized during the year. All four of our music groups (orchestra, chorus, jazz band, world music ensemble) rehearse at Dudley House and give several concerts there for students. The House is open to all GSAS students and has something to offer every day of the year.

Some Harvard University Housing properties have common rooms which residents can rent for special functions. Additionally, the Graduate Commons Program also holds events/programming in these spaces as well as other locations such as the Faculty Director Suites, common exterior grounds, off-site trips, etc.

**How many events do you run? Please describe typical attendance.**

In addition to what the Dudley Fellows organize in the House for GSAS students the Graduate Student Council also organizes several social events. In a given year, the GSC runs 2-3 large events, which have been extremely popular and have sold out. The typical attendance depends on the location of the event. For example, at the end of last year we did a Boat Cruise on the Spirit of Boston, and we filled the boat to capacity. We also co-sponsor 2-3 other events for the year, which usually have several hundred students in attendance. Recently we had a screening of the PhD movie with Jorge Cham and there were ~400 students in attendance (and more waiting outside hoping to get in). The GSC also serves as a co-sponsor to our graduate student group events. Typically there are probably 100 or so such events with attendance ranging from 10-200 depending on the event.

**What percent are academic, social or other?**

The general split of the events in a given academic year are about 40% Academic, 40% Social and 20% "other."

**What is the availability and accessibility of study space (i.e., group workspace, library, computer lab)?**

Study spaces are readily available in many different locations. There are rooms in Dudley House that students can use for quiet study or group workspace as well as the Dudley Library. All of the Harvard libraries have both quiet study areas as well as group study areas. About 70% of the Harvard libraries have a computer lab area, there are also separate labs
available in the science center building, though all are shared with the undergraduates. Finally, there is a graduate student computer lab in the basement of Dudley House.

Who organizes events for graduate students in these spaces? Are there restrictions on who can book or use space?

Dudley House serves as our Graduate Student Center. Events held there are usually organized by the Dudley House Fellows (a team of 25 grad student Fellows in 2017), but other GSAS student groups can use the space to hold their own events. All registered student groups can use and book space in Dudley House. GSAS students who are not involved in student groups are also welcome to use the space.

Is there a free transportation option? Please describe.

Shuttle Service
Harvard community members have free access to shuttle busses that provide students and staff with safe and convenient transportation around the Cambridge, Allston, and Longwood campuses throughout the academic year, except during recesses and certain holidays. Shuttle information is also available through the Shuttle Tracker or the Thrive at Harvard apps as well.

Daytime Van Service (fully accessible)
The Van Service is intended for persons who, because of mobility impairment or medical condition, find it difficult or impossible to use the regular shuttle bus. Transportation is appointment only, door to door within the Cambridge and Allston campuses.

Taxi Escort Service - 9pm-3am, within 1 mile of Longwood
The Taxi Escort Service is a complimentary service available to HMS Quad based students, faculty, staff, and students living off campus, as well as all HSPH students, faculty, and staff.

Cambridge
Campus Escort Program (HUCEP) 617-384-8237
HUCEP teams, who are trained and supervised by the HUPD, provide walking escorts to students, faculty, and staff seven nights a week during the academic year and cover the Yard, North Yard, River, and Quad areas.

Longwood Area
Walking Escort Service HMS/HSDM 617-432-1379, HSPH 617-432-1040
The walking escort service is available 24 hours a day. When you call, a security guard will escort you to your vehicle on campus, a campus building, or the nearest MBTA stop. Students should call ahead as it may take as long as 15 minutes for an escort to arrive.
**GSAS MBTA Pass**

The MBTA Semester Pass Program provides bus, link, and commuter rail passes for the fall and spring terms, October through January and February through May. GSAS students can purchase semester MBTA bus, link, and commuter rail passes at a 50 percent discount by completing the MBTA Semester Pass order form online by the appropriate deadline.

**Is Zipcar available (or a similar alternative)?**

Harvard students can become members of Zipcar for $15 and can choose cars that are located right on campus.

**Is there night shuttle service?**

An evening van service runs from 7pm until 3am to take students anywhere on campus. Rides are free and students can call at anytime to request a ride. This is in conjunction with the usual Shuttle services that run at night on set routes.

**Student Government - Graduate Student Council (GSC) – Students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

**Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much?**

We have three rounds of conference grant awards throughout each year. Each grant is up to $750. We also provide summer research grants in the amount of $1000. Our total budget for all of the conference grants for this year is $38,250.

**Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe.**

There are no such seminars organized by the student council, simply because many such things are offered through our careers services office, our graduate student center and many student groups and organizations.

**Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe.**

The Harvard Office of Career Services offers support and information to students who are interested in academic and non-academic careers after graduate school. The office has several staff members devoted specifically to graduate students.

**What is the budget of your student government in 2016-2017? $98,000**
What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)?

All graduate students are asked to pay a $25 fee for the academic year which is included in their fall term bill. This makes up our entire budget.

What are the voting bodies in your organization?

Elected members of the GSC Executive Board and Departmental Representatives

What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, & Advisor to the Council. At Large reps for: Social Sciences, Humanities, International Students, Masters Students, Interdisciplinary, Natural Sciences, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, & Longwood Medical Area. Appointed (Non-Voting) Positions: Publicity Manager, Parliamentarian, & Social Coordinator.

When are elections held? What is the process?

Elections are held in April. All students interesting in running for a position are asked to contact our Parliamentarian. At the open meeting, the Parliamentarian calls on these people to speak and explain why they want to run for their position and why they think they are good for the position. The Parliamentarian then runs the elections asking first for objections. All departmental representatives and voting executive board members present at the open meeting vote in the elections.

Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how?

We have a supervisor, who provides advice to the council and helps us to organize and pay for our events. She and her assistant also help us process all of our funding and grants.

We also have monthly meetings with the GSAS deans to bring up any particular issues we may have, give reports on activities, and discuss policies.

Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe.

Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe.

Students are asked to pay $25 per academic year. This fee can be waived by providing a written request prior to a deadline specified by the Registrar's office.
Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much?

No funding of this nature provided by the HGC. It is assumed local student governments (such as GSC) provide this capacity.

Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe.

Seminars are occasionally organized or co-sponsored by the HGC. The HGC Leadership Conference is the only regularly occurring event focused on professional development.

Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe.

Each school provides their own non-academic career services, with some exceptions

- The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) provides services those described by the GSC. This covers the School of Engineering.
- Kennedy, Law, Business, Design, Divinity, Extension, Education, Public Health, and Medical schools all provide their own iterations of career services
- Longwood Medical Campus provides generalized career services for Medical, Dental, and Public Health.

What is the budget of your student government in 2016-2017? $33,000

What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)?

Annual funding from the Provost’s Office and occasional sponsorship from within and outside the university (Harvard COOP, other student governments, School admin offices, etc.).

What are the voting bodies in your organization?

Only designated voting representatives appointed by each school’s student government may vote. This yields 12 voting representatives at any given point in time.
What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?

President, Vice President, Chair of [Internal, Finance, Advocacy, Information, Events] (5 Chairs), and Vice Chairs of [Governance, Student Groups, Diversity, Communication, Social Engagement] (5 Vice-Chairs).

When are elections held? What is the process?

Elections are held in May, though this year split elections were held in May and Sept (for different positions and to allow for greater participation from one year Masters students). All students interesting in running for a position are asked to contact our Chair of Internal. At the open meeting, the Chair of Internal and Vice President presides over the elections session. Each candidate is asked to speak on their qualifications followed by Q&A. All voting representatives present at the open meeting vote in the elections.

Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how?

The HGC receives administrative supervision from the Provost’s office (a senior project manager serves in this role). This individual acts as a sounding board and provides guidance for activities across the University. The President and Vice President meet with this administrative supervisor bi-weekly.

We also have a once a semester meetings with a Council of Deans of Students (across all schools) and with the President of the University to discuss issues, report on our activities.

Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe.

Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe.

No student fee charged for HGC.
2017 Ivy+ Summit Survey
CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Demographics
Number of Undergraduate students: 14,566
Number of Graduate students: 7,753
Number of Professional students: 1,948 in the Graduate School (plus 2,448 not in the Graduate School and not included in percents below)
Percent female: Grad- 54%
Percent international: Grad ~49%
Percent minority: Grad - 8%

Funding
Stipends (9 month rate)
TA - $25,780
GA - $25,780
RA - $25,780
GRA - $25,780
Fellow - $25,780 (Arts & Humanities and Social Sciences); $29,722 (Physical Sciences & Engineering and Life Sciences)
Summer stipend: $5,432 to $8,593
Is deferment possible? depending on department/field
Are there emergency funds available? case-by-case basis

Graduate school-specific
Average years to completion:

- Arts and Humanities (2005-2009) 6.5 years median time to degree with a 70% completion rate
- Social Sciences (2005-2009) 5.5 years with a 75% completion rate
- Life Sciences (2005-2009) 5.4 years with a 77% completion rate
- Physical Sciences/Engineering (2005-2009) 5.4 years with a 77% completion rate
TA Requirements:
University-wide policy: An academic appointment in support of the teaching of a course of 15 to 20 hours per week, averaging no more than 15 hours per week for the base stipend as established by the Board of Trustees. The assignment is usually in the student’s major field or a closely related one. TAs are awarded full tuition credit and a stipend (the rate of which is listed above)

Healthcare

Please describe your general health insurance.

- Provides extensive coverage at a reasonable cost for most on- or off-campus health care
- Provides coverage 24 hours a day, anywhere in the world
- New for 2017-2018: Includes 90% coverage in the national network with any Aetna participating provider
- For students in Ithaca, provides coordination of services by Cornell Health and a preferred provider network that includes the local hospital
- Covers pre-existing health conditions
- Guards against catastrophic expenses
- Continues coverage when students have to take a leave of absence
- Meets or exceeds all F-1 and J-1 visa requirements
- Meets or exceeds all Federal, State, and American College Health Association standards for health insurance [view SHP vs NY Exchange price and coverage comparison (pdf)]
- Exceeds the requirements of the U.S. Affordable Care Act (health care reform law)
- Includes world-wide travel assistance and emergency air transportation services
- Offers optional dental and vision plans
- Provides convenient assistance with enrollment and claims submission through the Office of Student Health Benefits

Please describe your prescription coverage.
Please describe your hospitalization coverage.

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<td>Physician/surgeon fees</td>
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What are your maternity/paternity policies?

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<td>Childbirth/delivery professional services</td>
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<td>SBC (i.e. ultrasound).</td>
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<td>Childbirth/delivery facility services</td>
<td>$250 copay</td>
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What is your child care coverage?

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<td>Children’s eye exam</td>
<td>No Charge</td>
<td>No Charge</td>
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<td>Children’s glasses</td>
<td>50% coinsurance</td>
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<td>Coverage limited to one pair of glasses/year (lenses &amp; frames) per plan year.</td>
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<td>Children’s dental check-up</td>
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Please describe any specialty care.

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<td>Home health care</td>
<td>$25 copay</td>
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<td>Limited to 40 visits/year.</td>
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<td>Rehabilitation services</td>
<td>$25 copay</td>
<td>$25 copay</td>
<td>30% coinsurance</td>
<td>Limited to 60 visits/year. Includes physical, occupational therapy and speech therapy.</td>
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<td>Habilitation services</td>
<td>$25 copay</td>
<td>$25 copay</td>
<td>30% coinsurance</td>
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<td>Skilled nursing care</td>
<td>$250 copay</td>
<td>10% coinsurance</td>
<td>30% coinsurance</td>
<td>Excludes comfort or convenience items and over-the-counter durable medical equipment.</td>
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<td>Durable medical equipment</td>
<td>10% coinsurance</td>
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<td>30% coinsurance</td>
<td>210 Day limit; unlimited family bereavement counseling</td>
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<td>Hospice services</td>
<td>No Charge</td>
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<td>Outpatient services</td>
<td>$10 copay/office visit, deductible does not apply</td>
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<td>Inpatient services</td>
<td>$250 copay</td>
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Please describe any dependent discount for healthcare coverage.
NONE, in fact it is expensive for dependents

Please describe your dental coverage.

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<th>Service</th>
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<td><strong>Type 1 Preventive Procedures</strong></td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>Evaluations (allowed twice per benefit period)</td>
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<td>Cleanings (allowed twice per benefit period)</td>
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<td>Bitewing X-rays (allowed twice per benefit period)</td>
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<td>Sealants (under age 17)</td>
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<td>Fluoride for Children (under age 19)</td>
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<td><strong>Type 2 Basic Procedures</strong></td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td>Limited Exams – Problem Focused (counts as one evaluation)</td>
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<td>Restorative Amalgams (molars) (excluding inlays and crowns)</td>
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<td>Restorative Resins (anterior &amp; bicuspids teeth) (excluding inlays and crowns)</td>
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<td>Oral Surgery – Simple Extractions (fully erupted, not impacted, including single tooth, each additional tooth, and removal of exposed roots)</td>
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<td>Denture Repair</td>
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<td>Endodontics (root canals)</td>
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<td>Periodontics (gum disease) – excluding surgery</td>
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<td><strong>Type 3 Major Procedures</strong></td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>Extraction of 3rd Molars (wisdom teeth)</td>
<td>Not covered</td>
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<td>Crowns, Inlays and Onlays. Prosthetics are NOT covered.</td>
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<td><strong>Type 4 Orthodontics</strong></td>
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<th>Premiums</th>
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<td>Student</td>
<td>$278</td>
<td>$185</td>
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<tr>
<td>Spouse/Domestic Partner</td>
<td>Additional $294</td>
<td>Additional $196</td>
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<td>One or more children</td>
<td>Additional $447</td>
<td>Additional $299</td>
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Annual rates are effective for the time period 8/17/2016 - 7/31/2017. Spring rates are effective for the time period 1/01/2017 - 7/31/2017.

Please describe your optical coverage.
Housing/Space

How many beds for on-campus graduate student housing?

about 900

How many beds for off-campus graduate student housing?

What is the proportion of graduate students living on campus?

11% of grad students live on campus

What is the range of monthly rent charged by the university?
around $700 - $1200 depending on the size and type of the room/apartment

As compared to the undergraduate residences at your university, where are the graduate dormitories located?

Not as central as undergrad dorms, but location isn't bad

**Facilities/Events**

Do graduate students have specific facilities for social events and entertainment (such as common room, specific library, etc.)? What are they?

The Big Red Barn is a space for Grad Student gatherings: subsidized beer and programming by a dedicated team, also free to use for grad student groups.

How many events do you run? Please describe typical attendance.

The Cornell GPSA programming board (GPSAPB) holds an annual grad ball and several department mixers, as well as funds other social events.
Other events done by clubs and organizations can ask for funds through the GPSA Appropriations Committee (GPSAAC) or Finance Commission. (GPSAFC)

What percent are academic, social or other?

Depends on the year, but roughly 50-50

What is the availability and accessibility of study space (ie, group workspace, library, computer lab)?

There are dedicated grad student study rooms in several libraries on campus.

Who organizes events for graduate students in these spaces? Are there restrictions on who can book or use space?

Study rooms can't be used for events, but there is the big red barn that is a big space for events.

**Transportation**

Is there are free transportation option? Please describe.
On campus residents who buy parking tickets get free bus rides

Is Zipcar available (or a similar alternative)?

There is Ithaca car share

Is there night shuttle service?

No dedicated night shuttle service, but there are blue lights all over campus equipped with phones where students can ask to be escorted by campus police anywhere.

**Student Government**

Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much?

No, conference travel funding is done through the Graduate School

Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe.

We hold a leadership summit every year for the voting members and also send someone to participate in the NAGPS.

Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe.

Yes, but the central office only has one staff who is in-charge of both grad students and international students. Several of the bigger colleges like Vet and Engineering have their own dedicated staff.

What is the budget of your student government in 2014-2015?

What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)?

Student Activity Fee

What are the voting bodies in your organization?

In the general body, there are 19 voting members chosen from different caucuses from the general membership.
Outside of the general body, GPSAFC, GPSAAC, GPSAPB, Student Advocacy, Diversity & International Student Committee and Faculty Award Committee have their own voting members.

What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?

Exec committee: President, Vice President, VP for Operations, VP of Communications, Counsel.
Committee Chairs
Representative to the General Graduate School Body
Representatives to the University Assembly

When are elections held? What is the process?

At the end of the academic year; nominations and voting done from the membership of the GPSA.

Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how?

Office of the Assemblies provides technical and clerical support
Rep from the Graduate School attends the meetings
Exec gets to meet with different administrators

Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe.

There are 2 students elected Trustees
And the GPSA President gets invited to the Board of Trustee meetings

Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe.

Yes. The GPSA sets the student activity fee every 2 years; the GPSA itself, other orgs and clubs all get their funding from this (through the GPSA).
2017 Ivy+ Summit Survey

MIT

Demographics

Number of Undergraduate students: 4,524
Number of Graduate students: 6,852
Number of Professional students: 0
Percent female: 33.9% (of grad population - same for below)
Percent international: 43%
Percent minority: 7.2% underrepresented minority (Black or African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Hispanic or Latino). 17.8% minority (above groups + Asian American)

Funding

Stipends - The stipend recommendation that the GSC issued the MIT administration for the 2017-2017 academic year is $35,700/year for science/engineering PhD students. Each department is encouraged to stay within -10% to +15% of this number.

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Is deferment possible? This would be on a departmental basis. Institute-based fellowships are generally deferrable but outside fellowships are generally not.

Are there emergency funds available? The Vice President for Student Life has implemented an emergency fund this past summer that students in financial hardship can apply for.

Graduate school-specific
Average years to completion: 4-7

Humanities:

Social Sciences:

Natural Sciences (and Engineering):

TA Requirements: This varies by department. For example, in Materials Science and Engineering, TAing is not required, whereas it is required for one semester in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Humanities:

Social Sciences:

Natural Sciences (and Engineering):

Healthcare

Please describe your general health insurance. Fully covered by Institute, no dental. Basic plan is Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Please describe your prescription coverage.

Please describe your hospitalization coverage.

What are your maternity/paternity policies? Pregnancy covered by insurance. Leave policies - maternity leave varies by department, 2-3 months. Paternal leave - case by case, no policy.

What is your child care coverage? Not covered and not subsidized for graduate students.

Please describe any specialty care.

Please describe your mental healthcare coverage. Included in insurance plan.

Please describe any dependent discount for healthcare coverage.

Please describe your dental coverage. Students can pay extra for dental plan.

Please describe your optical coverage. Included with basic insurance covered by the Institute.

Housing/Space

How many beds for on-campus graduate student housing? 2,300
How many beds for off-campus graduate student housing? 0 (none provided by MIT)

What is the proportion of graduate students living on campus? 39%

What is the range of monthly rent charged by the university? $700-$2000

As compared to the undergraduate residences at your university, where are the graduate dormitories located? Within the same range.

Facilities/Events

Do graduate students have specific facilities for social events and entertainment (such as common room, specific library, etc.)? What are they? We do not have grad specific spaces open to all graduate students, but some departments have graduate specific space.

How many events do you run? Please describe typical attendance. What percent are academic, social or other? Social events- around 45 events throughout the year and around 40 additional events during orientation. Academic events - around 25 per year.

What is the availability and accessibility of study space (ie, group workspace, library, computer lab)? Study space and computer labs in libraries and some graduate residences.

Who organizes events for graduate students in these spaces? Are there restrictions on who can book or use space? Some departmental student organizations run events in department-provided graduate student spaces.

Transportation

Is there a free transportation option? Please describe. MIT has a shuttle system that goes around campus and into Boston where some independent living groups/sororities/fraternities are located. MIT also has Saferide, which is a nighttime shuttle service.

Is Zipcar available (or a similar alternative)? Yes, for a cost.

Is there night shuttle service? Yes

Student Government

Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much? Yes, up to $1000 per person, annual budget is $40K
Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe. Yes! Panels every 2 months or so, partner with other organizations to do workshops, informal socials with professors, etc.

Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe. No.

What is the budget of your student government in 2014-2015? $650,000

What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)? Career fair and institute budget, ticket sales, grad ring sales

What are the voting bodies in your organization?

Council: Our General Council consists of members of the Executive Committee, representatives from graduate programs and graduate dorms, as well as members at-large. Council serves as a representative decision-making body, and sets the GSC’s priorities by passing resolutions and by approving the GSC’s annual budget.

Executive Committee: The GSC’s 15-member Executive Committee, which consists of the four Executive Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) and the Chairs of the GSC’s Committees and Boards, manages the day-to-day operations of the GSC.

What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?

Officer team: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Executive Committee: Officer team plus (co-)chairs of the following committees

- Activities Committee
- Academics, Research, and Careers
- Association of Student Activities
- External Affairs Board
- Housing and Community Affairs
- Muddy Charles Pub
- Orientation

Some committees have various subcommittees, which have elected co-chairs.

When are elections held? What is the process?

Elections for the Officer team are held in April. The Council votes during the April General Council Meeting.
Elections for the Committee Chairs are held sometime in April or May. The members of each committee (not necessarily members of Council) elect the next Chairs.

Subcommittee chairs are elected by the members of the subcommittee and approved by the Chairs of their Committee.

Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how? We have administrative support, but not supervision.

Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe. The GSC President is an ex-officio member of the Corporation Joint Advisory Committee, which consists of Corporation members, faculty, graduate students, and undergraduate students. The committee chooses several topics to address in-depth over the course of the year.

Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe. Yes, MIT charges a student life fee. It partially funds graduate student life programs but not the GSC specifically.
2017 Ivy+ Summit Survey
Princeton University

Demographics

Number of Undergraduate students: 5,232
Number of Graduate students: 2,747
Number of Professional students: 0
Percent female: 49% (undergraduate), 39% (graduate)
Percent international: 42% (graduate)
Percent minority: 29% (graduate, U.S. only); 12% Asian, 9% Latino/Hispanic, 5% Black, 3% multiracial, <1% Native American

Funding

Stipends

Humanities: $32,400  Number of months/year funded: 12 months per year / 5 years; a new competitive programme allows to extend for a 6th year

Social Sciences: $32,400  Number of months/year funded: 12 months per year / 5 years; a new competitive programme allows to extend for a 6th year

Natural Sciences: $28,150  Number of months/year funded: 10 months per year

Is deferment possible? Decided by departments and the Graduate School case-by-case

Are there emergency funds available? The Graduate School has some programs that are specific to particular circumstances

Graduate school-specific

Average years to completion:
Humanities: 6.7
Social Sciences: 5.7
Natural Sciences (and Engineering): 5.2

TA Requirements:

Humanities: none in some departments; on average students TA at least one course in their 5th year.

Social Sciences: none in some departments

Natural Sciences (and Engineering): Varies by department

Healthcare

Please describe your general health insurance.

All graduate students automatically enrolled in university insurance (administered by Aetna) at no cost. Spouses can be added at $1800/year and dependents for $900. Almost all services at McCosh Student Health Center are free to students; specialist care requires referral from McCosh; off-campus care (specialist, urgent care) is charged 20% copay. Deductible is $200 for individuals and $400 for families. Out-of-pocket maximum is $5,000/year for individuals and $10,000/year for families. Laboratory expenses excepting x-rays, CT scans and MRI scans, are fully covered.

Recently introduced mental health provider network that provides in-network insurance rates for off-campus mental health providers.

Please describe your prescription coverage.

Prescription drugs are covered with a $5 copay for generics, $20 for preferred brands, $70 for non-preferred brands. Total deductible for prescriptions is $100/year for an individual or $200/year for a family.

Please describe your hospitalization coverage.

Inpatient hospitalization, including room and board, misc hopital fees, and non-surgical physician fees, is covered 80% of the negotiated (for preferred providers) or recognized (non-preferred providers) rate. Primary surgeries are covered at 80%, while secondary and tertiary surgeries at 50% and 25% respectively.

What are your maternity/paternity policies?
G1-G5: 12-week suspension of academic work, + 1 additional semester of enrollment and funding.

DCE: 12-week suspension of academic work. (Funding level remains the same as normal fellowship levels during the leave period.)

Students are allowed to take 12 weeks of family leave if they are the primary caregiver, The definition of primary caregiver is: “You must either be a single parent, or a parent whose spouse or partner has returned to full-time employment, or a parent whose spouse or partner is not capable of providing full-time care for the child.” Secondary caregivers are currently afforded no family leave time; if two graduate students are parents, only one parent may take leave.

**What is your child care coverage?**

Student Child Care Assistance Plan (SCCAP) gives grants up to $5000 (adjusted to household income) to offset the costs of childcare for eligible families. Princeton also partners with Bright Horizons to provide emergency back-up care for the children of grad students at a heavily subsidized rate. While there is a daycare center on campus, graduate student children are not given preferential access, wait lists are long, and the cost of attendance is prohibitively high for most graduate students.

**Please describe any specialty care.**

Specialty care is covered by insurance at 80% rate only if referral is obtained from McCosh. General physician office visits are covered 100% with a $10 copay if a preferred provider. Preventative care is generally covered 100% from preferred and non-preferred providers.

**Please describe your mental healthcare coverage.**

Limited mental healthcare coverage is provided at McCosh (psychological and psychiatric), but long-term treatment is not possible due to limited number of providers. In Fall 2017, Princeton introduced a Princeton Mental Health Network which provides in-network coverage to Princeton students in the local area. A 20% copay is still applicable.

**Please describe any dependent discount for healthcare coverage.**

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the premium for having a spouse/partner on the SHP is $1,800 per year, and the premium for having a child in the SHP is $900 per year per child up to three children (three and more children are charged $2,700 per year).

**Please describe your dental coverage.** $76/year

**Please describe your optical coverage.** $74/year
**Housing/Space**

How many beds for on-campus graduate student housing?

1,799 (but not all bed spaces are occupied by graduate students -- cf. rooms reserved for visiting faculty, partners and children, etc.)

How many beds for off-campus graduate student housing?

N/A -- Princeton does not track this information.

What is the proportion of graduate students living on campus?

66% of graduate students live on campus, 34% live off campus.

What is the range of monthly rent charged by the university? 850$ + (depending on type of housing)

$546/month (walk-through double in dormitory, does not include cost of mandatory meal plan)
$628/month/person (4bdr)
$704/month/person (2bdr)
$728/month/person (3bdr)
$1159/month/person (1 bdr, assuming one resident).

As compared to the undergraduate residences at your university, where are the graduate dormitories located?

Graduate residences are farther away from campus than the undergraduate ones.

**Facilities/Events**

Do graduate students have specific facilities for social events and entertainment (such as common room, specific library, etc.)? What are they?

Lakeside Commons and BBQ space, community room and BBQ grills at Lawrence, GC common rooms, DBar, graduate student center (in development). Events are coordinated through GSG (Special Events and Social committees), Lawrence Committee, Lakeside Committee, GCHC, and department and student organizations. Individuals can also book public spaces for personal use (parties, Game of Thrones watching, etc.)

How many events do you run? Please describe typical attendance.

The GSG directly runs five to six “special events” (read: large parties) which typically have attendance on the order of 500-600. Most other events are run by student groups and funded through the GSG Events Board.
What percent are academic, social or other?

This isn't something we closely track, but the GSG generally does social programming. We do have Graduate Writing Days but those are mostly managed by the Graduate School today (having started with the GSG).

What is the availability and accessibility of study space (ie, group workspace, library, computer lab)?

Princeton has a large amount of available study space for individuals and groups and buildings with classrooms are open to students 7:30am-midnight on weekdays (with similar, slightly shorter hours on weekends). Office allocation comes down to departments, however, meaning there are several departments where students don't have offices.

Who organizes events for graduate students in these spaces? Are there restrictions on who can book or use space?

Any student or student group can book most spaces through University Scheduling. Some spaces are restricted to departments, however.

Transportation

Is there a free transportation option? Please describe. Yes, Tiger Transit

Is Zipcar available (or a similar alternative)? Yes - Enterprise car share

Is there night shuttle service? Yes - On demand 10-2 during the semester

Student Government

Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much? No

Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe. No

Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe. Yes, Career Services offer academic and non-academic career consulting for graduate students.

What is the budget of your student government in 2014-2015?

$44,055 (2016-2017)
What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)?
$17 per year per student activities fee (rising with inflation). GSG Events Board is funded by student govt, graduate school, VP for campus life.

What are the voting bodies in your organization?
The GSG consists of an executive committee and a graduate student assembly. Delegates to the assembly are elected or chosen by departments and academic programs, the graduate housing communities, and selected special interest organizations.

What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?
President, VP, Secretary, Communications, Social, Facilities & Transport, Special Events, Health & Life, Academic Affairs, Treasurer

When are elections held? What is the process?
February (For a March-March 1 year term). Nominations are made in January. Once nominees confirm that they want to run, they submit a statement. Students can read the statements of candidates and submit questions for a fixed period. Candidates can then have a short response, which will be posted alongside their statements. Voting lasts one week and is open to all graduate students. Any positions left unfilled by election are appointed by the assembly of departmental representatives.

Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how? No

Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe. Every year the President has an opportunity to present their priorities to the Trustees of the university.

Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe. Yes, $17/year, set by student vote (increases by inflation).
2017 Ivy+ Summit Survey
University of Pennsylvania

Demographics
Number of Undergraduate students: 10,019
Number of Graduate students: (11,807 total) 3,100 PhD students**
Number of Professional students: 8707
Percent female: 55%
Percent international: 29%*
Percent minority: 29%
*(https://diversity.upenn.edu/diversity-at-penn/facts-and-figures)
**http://www.upenn.edu/ir/PhD%20Programs/PhD_1_Pager_University.pdf

Funding
Stipends
Humanities: $27,500 (10 months) + $4400 (summer) Number of months/year funded: 5 years + 3 summers
Social Sciences: $27,500 (10 months) + $4400 (summer) Number of months/year funded: 5 years + 3 summers
Natural Sciences: $ 32,000; 5-6 years
Is deferment possible? Yes
Are there emergency funds available? Yes,
https://pennvpul.wufoo.com/forms/z1fzyjzd1x2c2gc/

Graduate school-specific
Average years to completion: PhD’s 5.75
Humanities:
Social Sciences:
Natural Sciences (and Engineering): 5.75
TA Requirements: Program specific (most Biomedical Graduate Student programs do not have a TA requirement)
Humanities:
Social Sciences:
Natural Sciences (and Engineering):

Healthcare
Please describe your general health insurance. Aetna Student Health Insurance
Please describe your prescription coverage. $20 copay
Please describe your hospitalization coverage. $100 hospital visit copays
What are your maternity/paternity policies? Pre/postnatal care: no charge,
Diagnostic $35 copay, and delivery and inpatient services: $100 copay.
What is your child care coverage? $3,348 for annual dependent coverage
Please describe any specialty care. Specialist visit: $30 copay
Please describe your mental healthcare coverage. $10 copay in-network, $35+ out-of-network. Most mental healthcare providers sought outside of CAPS are
unfortunately out-of-network, and it is near impossible to get Aetna to include them because of costs, requirements, etc.
Please describe any dependent discount for healthcare coverage. $1000 dependent health insurance grant for eligible PhDs.
Please describe your dental coverage. 50% coverage from University, ~$450 per year, 50% reimbursed by university.
Please describe your optical coverage. Routine eye exams covered (I think), but not for contact lens or glasses prescription.

Housing/Space
How many beds for on-campus graduate student housing? 543 (Sansom East)
How many beds for off-campus graduate student housing? None reserved
What is the proportion of graduate students living on campus? Large majority (#?) live off campus but within a 5 mile radius of the university.
What is the range of monthly rent charged by the university? $934-$1661
As compared to the undergraduate residences at your university, where are the graduate dormitories located? No designated graduate dormitories

Facilities/Events
Do graduate students have specific facilities for social events and entertainment (such as common room, specific library, etc.)? What are they?
  • Graduate Student Center, 5th floor in Van Pelt (main library on campus)
How many events do you run? Please describe typical attendance. FOR Grad Center 300-400 per year; typical attendance 25-30
What percent are academic, social or other? Grad Center, probably 50/50 split;
What is the availability and accessibility of study space (i.e., group workspace, library, computer lab)? Graduate Student Center, Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm, Friday 9am-6pm, Sat-Sun 12pm-6pm.
Van Pelt Library Graduate Study Space, 8:30am-12am
Who organizes events for graduate students in these spaces? Are there restrictions on who can book or use space? Graduate Student Center staff organize events, graduate students may reserve space during operating hours.

Transportation
Is there a free transportation option? Please describe.
  • Penn Bus (East & West)
  • Penn Shuttle
  • Penn Accessible Transit
  • Penn Walking Escort
  • Loop Through University City (LUCY) - part of SEPTA, free with PennCard
  • Drexel Bus services free with PennCard
Is Zipcar available (or a similar alternative)? Yes, Penn offers discounts on Enterprise CarShare
Is there night shuttle service?
Penn Bus East and Penn Bus West operate Monday - Friday from 5 p.m. to 12 a.m., year-round except for holidays observed by the University.

Student Government
Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much? Yes, $160,000
Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe. Yes, Professional Council holds a variety of events including professional picture taking, career trek sessions, and professional networking events.
Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe. Career Services will offer non-academic career advice and organize recruitment days with non-academic employers.
What is the budget of your student government in 2014-2015?
What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)?
  - Student fees
  - Special grants from administration for specific programs
What are the voting bodies in your organization?
  - There are 12 graduate schools with 16 student governments (four schools have split professional and graduate student governments) who all send representatives to the General Assembly based on enrollment numbers.
  - The affinity groups for certain school populations also send voting representatives to the General Assembly under the umbrella of the IDEAL (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access, and Leadership) Council. Examples of groups that make up the IDEAL Council include BGAPSA (the Black Graduate And Professional Student Assembly), LAGAPSA (the Latino Graduate and Professional Student Assembly), and others.
What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Chair for Communications
  - Chair for Equity and Access
  - Chair for Finance
  - Chair for International Affairs
  - Chair for Operations
  - Chair for Professional Students
  - Chair for Research Students
  - Chair for Social Activities
  - Chair for Student Life
  - Chair for Student Programs
  - Chair for External Affairs
  - Chair for IDEAL Students
When are elections held? What is the process?
  - No sooner than the second meeting in March, and no later than the second meeting in April
• Nominations are sent to the Chair for Operations. Anybody can run, except the Chair for Research Students must be a research student, the Chair for Professional Students must be a professional student, the Chair for IDEAL Students must come from one of the IDEAL constituencies, and the Chair for International Students must be an international student.
• Nominated people are given three minutes to make their speech, followed by a question and answer.
• After all people nominated for a position have given their speech and completed their question and answer session, the General Assembly discusses the nominees in a closed session.
• Then the vote is conducted using an electronic vote counting system.

Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how?
• Yes
• The staff of the Graduate Student Center help advise GAPSA on specific university policies, advocacy strategies, and financial matters.

Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe.
• Yes. GAPSA sends representatives to each of the subcommittees of the Board of Trustees.
• These meetings happen three times a year.

Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe.
• Yes, student general fee is divided among University entities, undergraduate government, and graduate student government.
2017 Ivy+ Summit Survey
Columbia University

Demographics
Number of Undergraduate students: 8,712
Number of Graduate students: 8,680
Number of Professional students: 13,925
Percent female: 51%
Percent international: 33%
Percent minority: 42%

Funding
Stipends
- Humanities: $28,290 + $3,635 (Summer)
  Number of months/year funded: 9 months + separate summer stipend
- Social Sciences: $28,290 + $3,635 (Summer)
  Number of months/year funded: 9 months + separate summer stipend
- Natural Sciences: $37,720 (excluding Math, Statistics and Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology (which are funded like Humanities and Social Sciences)
  Number of months/year funded: 12 months

Is deferment possible? Yes
Are there emergency funds available? There is a small emergency loan fund.

Graduate school-specific
Average years to completion:
- Humanities: 7.58
- Social Sciences: 6.89
- Natural Sciences (and Engineering): 5.67 (excludes engineering)

TA Requirements: General requirement within GSAS: 1 year (2 semesters)
GSAS funding packages in the Humanities and Social Sciences assume 3 years of teaching and 2 years of fellowship (years 1 and 5).
- Humanities: 3 years
- Social Sciences: 3 years
- Natural Sciences (and Engineering): varies by department (usually 2 semesters)

Healthcare
Please describe your general health insurance.
The Columbia Student Health Insurance Plan includes benefits for medical and mental health conditions including (but not limited to) chiropractic care, mental health care, prescriptions, travel abroad benefits, vision and dental discounts, and more.
The Columbia Student Health Insurance Plan works with Columbia Health to provide consistent, efficient care that complements the programs offered on campus:
• Medical Services are the primary care providers for students enrolled in the Columbia Student Health Insurance Plan.
• Clinicians in both Medical Services and Counseling and Psychological Services work closely with Aetna Student Health Claims Administrators, Inc. when necessary to help arrange access to benefits available through the Columbia Plan.
• A referral by a Medical Services or Counseling and Psychological Services clinician is mandatory when seeking non-emergency off-campus services. If a referral is not obtained prior to seeking care, services will be reimbursed at the out-of-network benefit level and the student will have higher out of pocket costs.

There are two versions of the Columbia Student Health Insurance Plan: Gold and Platinum

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Please describe your prescription coverage.
When prescription is taken to a participating (preferred) pharmacy, there is no claim to file when the health insurance identification card is presented. If paying for a prescription, one may be eligible for a reimbursement, less any applicable copay amount. Most women’s contraceptive are included in the health insurance plan.

Please describe your hospitalization coverage.
15% after deductible with in-network hospital, 45% after deductible with out-of-network hospital

What are your maternity/paternity policies?
Students in years one through seven who give birth, adopt, or become legal guardians or foster parents, as well as students whose spouse or partner gives birth, will have all responsibilities associated with their doctoral program suspended for twelve calendar weeks. Any exceptions to this policy must be reviewed by the student, the Director of Graduate Studies, and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Parental accommodation typically begins after the date of birth, adoption, or guardianship, but must begin no later than six months after this date.
New parents may also take an additional semester of accommodation, without funding, for the subsequent semester following the conclusion of the initial accommodation period. Students who elect to take an additional semester of unfunded accommodation will retain eligibility for housing, health coverage, and access to university facilities; however, they will be responsible for paying the Matriculation & Facilities tuition and health fees for the semester. Students will not be eligible to work for their departments or as research assistants during this time. 

More information: https://gsas.columbia.edu/graduate-life/student-life-well-being/accommodation-parental-responsibilities

What is your child care coverage?
Parents registered in years one through seven of an Arts & Sciences doctoral program are eligible to receive one $2,000 subsidy per academic year for each child who is 1) under the age of five and 2) not yet attending kindergarten. If both parents are GSAS students, they both may apply individually for the child-care subsidy.

Please describe any specialty care.
Disability Services facilitates equal access for students with disabilities by coordinating accommodations and support services, cultivating a campus culture that is sensitive and responsive to the needs of students. Students seeking accommodations or support services from Disability Services are required to register with the office.

Please describe your mental healthcare coverage.
On campus, Counseling and Psychological Services (CPS) offers short-term individual counseling, referrals for longer-term therapy, student-life support groups, medication consultation, and emergency consultation.

Mental Healthcare Options (other than CPS)

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Please describe your dental coverage.
The plan includes:
- One routine examination per plan year
- X-rays as needed and with the routine examination
- One dental cleaning (prophylaxis) per plan year
- Evaluation of emergency dental conditions and emergency pain relief
- A $20 ($10 with Platinum plan) copay per visit
- A 10% discount (25% discount with Platinum plan) off self-pay fees on additional services

Please describe your optical coverage.
The Aetna Vision Discount Program is available to all students enrolled in the Gold or Platinum levels of the Student Health Insurance plans. Enrollment in the insurance plans provides access to discounted prices for many eye care products, including sunglasses, contact lenses, non-prescription sunglasses, contact lens solutions and other eye care accessories. Plus, students can receive discounts on LASIK surgery (the laser vision correction procedure).

Housing/Space
How many beds for on-campus graduate student housing?
1,331 GSAS students are currently in on-campus graduate student housing

How many beds for off-campus graduate student housing?
Inconclusive at this time.

What is the proportion of graduate students living on campus?
Approximately 37% (of GSAS students)

What is the range of monthly rent charged by the university?
Apartment Share: $964 - $1,623
Dormitory-Style Suite: Furnished Single: $792 - $1,137
Dormitory-Style Suite: Furnished Double: $739 - $1,082
Studio/Efficiency Unit: $1,154 - $2,159
One bedroom Unit: $1,489 - $2,388
Two bedroom Unit: $1,596 - $3,295

As compared to the undergraduate residences at your university, where are the graduate dormitories located?
Housing for graduate students is similarly close to the main campus (Morningside Heights) as undergraduate housing. GSAS students at the Morningside Campus receive housing accommodations via University Apartment Housing (UAH). The inventory consists of apartment shares, dormitory-style rooms, studio/efficiency, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units. Most UAH units are located in the Morningside Heights, walking distance from Columbia's main campus and Manhattan Valley Neighborhoods, between 108th Street and 125th Street. University housing is also located in Riverdale, the Bronx, 20 minutes from campus by shuttle bus.

Facilities/Events
Do graduate students have specific facilities for social events and entertainment (such as common room, specific library, etc.)? What are they?

There is a Graduate Student Lounge with an (overpriced) Espresso Bar. This space is only available to book for student groups on weekends and after 8pm on weekdays. The main library recently opened a Graduate Grading Room, specifically designed for graduate students who are TAs. It is small and seats about 12 people. Most of our events are off campus because of the demand for off-campus City type events.

How many events do you run? Please describe typical attendance.

4 Orientation events, about 5 social & 4 cultural events in the Fall, and 6 social & 5 cultural events in the Spring. Depending on the type of event we will have between 20-40 tickets (broadway shows, concerts, escape the room events) and 100-200 tickets (socials at bars, boat cruise and alumni mixers). The events typically sell out but have about 80-90% attendance on the day of the event. In addition, we run/co-host smaller career development events, for about 10-30 students, attendance on the day is about 50%.

What percent are academic, social or other?

In the past it has been about 60% social, 30% cultural and 10% academic but this year we are doing more volunteer events and more academic specific events. We are aiming for a breakdown of: ~50% social events, ~30% cultural events, ~20% academic/career development events

What is the availability and accessibility of study space (ie, group workspace, library, computer lab)?

Space availability is a great problem on Columbia's campus. Finding a spot in the library is difficult after 9/10AM. The Graduate Student Lounge is noisy and conducive to group work study space. There are a few division specific computer labs with reasonable availability.
Who organizes events for graduate students in these spaces? Are there restrictions on who can book or use space?

The Graduate Student Lounge is administered through the GSAS administration. It can only be booked by graduate students and graduate groups/departments. Undergraduate student groups/ departments get priority for other spaces.

Transportation

Is there a free transportation option? Please describe.

Yes, there are free shuttle buses between Columbia’s different campuses. However, using the subway is often faster than using this service. There is no subsidy for a monthly subway ticket. The administration justifies this by guaranteeing subsidized University housing for all PhD students for at least 5 years.

Is Zipcar available (or a similar alternative)?

Yes, I believe there are ZipCars and other ride sharing options available. Again, since we are in New York City, most students use the public transport system (Subway & Buses).

Is there night shuttle service?

The last bus runs until approximately 12AM. There are no shuttles between 12AM-6AM.

Student Government

Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much?

Yes, we provide travel grants.

Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe.

Yes, we organized a LinkedIn workshop in the past year. In addition, our alumni & career development chair is working closely with the Center for Career Education and co-organizes multiple events, including a virtual networking hour which will allow students to connect with alumni that are working in the student’s field of interest.

Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe.

Yes, most of non-academic career service and development is accessible through the programming of the Center for Career Education at Columbia University.

What is the budget of your student government in 2014-2015?

The GSAC’s budget for 2017-18 is $140,824.65 which is made up of $109,157.00 in new funds and $31,667.65 carried over from the previous year’s budget.

What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)?

The Graduate School of Arts & Sciences supplies a percentage of their total income in student activity fees to GSAC.
What are the voting bodies in your organization?
Each PhD department and doctoral subcommittee is entitled to one vote, enacted through their departmental representative. All MA students in GSAS are represented through three MA student representatives, entitled to one vote each.

What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?
President, Vice President of Administration, Vice President of Communication, Alumni & Career Development Chair, Budget & Finance Chair, Culture Chair, Quality of Life Chair, Social Chair

When are elections held? What is the process?
Elections are held at the penultimate plenary meeting of the academic year (usually in March). Any member of GSAC can stand for any position. Self-nominations are possible. A majority of votes is necessary to be elected to a position.

Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how?
Yes, we have administrative involvement (not faculty) in GSAC. We meet with the Vice President for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences and his office on a monthly basis. This administrative office is also the source of our funding and whom we report to. We supply them with an activities report by the end of each semester.

Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe.
We do not meet with the Board of Trustees, however, we have met with the University Provost before. We usually try to meet with the Provost once a year.

Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe.
Yes, the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences charges a $45 student activities fees. It is included in the funding package for PhD students; MA students pay it themselves. However, not all GSAC member pay this fee to GSAS, hence only about two-thirds of our members pay into our funding.
2017 Ivy+ Summit Survey

Yale

**Demographics**
Number of Undergraduate students: 5,453
Number of Graduate students: 2,858
Number of Professional students: 3,995
Percent female: 49.2%
Percent international: 20%
Percent minority: 28%

**Funding**
Stipends
- Humanities: $30,250/yr for 6 years (contingent upon finishing in 6th)
- Social Sciences: $30,250/yr for 6 years (contingent upon finishing in 6th)
- Natural Sciences: $30,250/yr for 5-6 years (6th-yr not covered in all programs, up to additional $4,000-$9,000/yr depending on funding source and program)

Is deferment possible? Yes
Are there emergency funds available? Not sure

**Graduate school-specific**
Average years to completion: 6.3
- Humanities: 6.7
- Social Sciences: 5.7
- Natural Sciences (and Engineering): 5.7

TA Requirements:
- Humanities: YES
- Social Sciences: not sure
- Natural Sciences (and Engineering): not sure

**Healthcare**
Please describe your general health insurance.

Please describe your prescription coverage.

[Yale Health (link is external)](link is external) is the comprehensive on-campus full-service health center and health care plan for students and families.

- All students enrolled at least half time automatically receive Yale Health coverage free of charge; non-degree students may opt into Yale Health coverage for a fee. The YH Student Guides, chart and video explain coverage and how Yale Health works. It's simple, paperless, free or very low-cost coverage for all students!
• Students may enroll their spouses and dependent children up to age 26 in Yale Health, and pay any associated premium fees. There is special support for GSAS PhD families.

Please describe your hospitalization coverage.

Health Fellowship Awards for Yale Ph.D. students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) covers the full cost of single-student Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage.

What are your maternity/paternity policies?
A traditional leave of absence for parental responsibilities (link is external) also is available to all registered GSAS students. Students in terminal M.A./M.S. programs may modify their academic responsibilities due to birth/adoption of a child.

What is your child care coverage?
The new Ph.D. Student Family Support Policy offers a flexible subsidy to GSAS Ph.D. students with spouses and/or children. It can be used to purchase spousal Yale health coverage, for child care or other family costs, and is not means-tested (no income ceiling).

Please describe any specialty care.
Health Fellowship Awards for Yale Ph.D. students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) covers the full cost of single-student Yale Health Hospitalization/Specialty Coverage.

Please describe your mental healthcare coverage.
Mental Health and Counseling (MH&C) at Yale Health (link is external) offers free confidential individual and group counseling for all students and their enrolled family members at Yale Health Center. Students do not need specialty coverage in order to use the Mental Health and Counseling Center.

Please describe any dependent discount for healthcare coverage.
All children of students are covered by the university without charge for the student. Spouses are covered by 50% for families without children and 100% for families with children.

Please describe your dental coverage.
You may enroll in Optional Graduate and Professional Student Dental and Vision Care Plans (link is external) (non Yale Health providers). Enroll and pay fees online by September 15 annually. Coverage begins October 1.

Please describe your optical coverage.
You may enroll in Optional Graduate and Professional Student Dental and Vision Care Plans (link is external) (non Yale Health providers). Enroll and pay fees online by September 15 annually. Coverage begins October 1.
**Housing/Space**

**How many beds for on-campus graduate student housing?**
There are about 800 beds for all graduate and professional students.

**How many beds for off-campus graduate student housing?**

**What is the proportion of graduate students living on campus?**
80-90% of G&P students live off-campus.

**What is the range of monthly rent charged by the university?**
About $600-$1000/month depending on dorm vs apartment.

**As compared to the undergraduate residences at your university, where are the graduate dormitories located?**
Graduate dormitories are scattered across New Haven.

**Facilities/Events**

**Do graduate students have specific facilities for social events and entertainment (such as common room, specific library, etc.)? What are they?**
Yes. We have a graduate student life center that has been slightly downsized this year and moved to a new (interim) location, but this new location still provides common space and it is now keycard access for graduate students only.

**How many events do you run? Please describe typical attendance.**
We hold about 2-3 events per year that are attended by some 100-200 students. We also hold monthly Ask-a-Lawyer sessions.

**What percent are academic, social or other?**
The events we hold are typically informational such as town halls or legal/tax advice. We have other student groups who hold social events open to all graduate students.

**What is the availability and accessibility of study space (ie, group workspace, library, computer lab)?**
This depends upon departments/divisions and their specific facilities, as the GSL facility does not have private workspace available (it has a common area). Some departments have shared offices, some encourage students to sign out carrels at various libraries, etc.

**Who organizes events for graduate students in these spaces? Are there restrictions on who can book or use space?**
**Transportation**

**Is there are free transportation option? Please describe.**
There is a free shuttle system with daytime routes running from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, and
nighttime routes running from 6:00 pm to 11pm or 1am depending on the line. There is also a
free door-to-door shuttle option that you can call at any time after 6pm.

**Is Zipcar available (or a similar alternative)?**
Yes

**Is there night shuttle service?**
Yes

**Student Government**

**Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much?**
The Yale Graduate Student Assembly distributes $60,000 per year of travel support for graduate
students presenting papers or posters at regional, national, and international conferences.

**Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe.**
Not exactly, but the GSA Academics & Professional Development committee works with
departmental representatives to implement programs that work in one department across the
GSAS to other departments.

**Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe.**
Technically yes, but it could be much more extensive/accepted. The GSA is working this year on
trying to change the culture around non-academic jobs.

**What is the budget of your student government in 2016-2017?**
About $20,000.

**What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)?**
Graduate School of the Arts and Sciences

**What are the voting bodies in your organization?**
Each department in GSAS receives a number of representatives depending on the number of
students in their department.

**What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?**
Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, as well as committee chairs for four committees
(Academics & Professional Development, Transit & Security, Public Relations, and Facilities &
Healthcare).
When are elections held? What is the process?
In the spring, near the end of the academic year, after the representative elections. All newly elected reps (elected to serve in the coming year) are eligible to run. Candidates are announced before the elections are held, and the elections take place in-person at a general assembly meeting. Candidates may be nominated during that meeting; all candidate speeches and discussion of the candidates takes place at that meeting, and the votes are held after speeches/discussion.

Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how?
We are not supervised by the administration except during our charter review every four years. We do, however, meet with the GSAS deans once every two weeks as a way of advocating for our constituents and negotiating to advance our goals.

Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe.
We meet with the Board of Trustees once a semester.

Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe.
The graduate students are not charged a student fee.
2017 Ivy+ Summit Survey
Dartmouth College

Demographics
Number of Undergraduate students: 4,310
Number of Graduate students: 766
Number of Professional students: 1333
Percent female: 49%
Percent international: 15%
Percent minority: 33%

Funding
Stipends
  Humanities: $0  Number of months/year funded:
  Social Sciences: $28525  Number of months/year funded: 12
  Natural Sciences: $28525  Number of months/year funded: 12
Is deferment possible? Yes
Are there emergency funds available? No

Graduate school-specific
Average years to completion:
  Humanities: n/a
  Social Sciences: 5
  Natural Sciences (and Engineering): 5
TA Requirements:
  Humanities: none
  Social Sciences: by department
  Natural Sciences (and Engineering): by department

Healthcare
Please describe your general health insurance. Dartmouth Student Group Health Plan (DSGHP)--Health Smart, Cigna PPO
Please describe your prescription coverage. Insurance through DSGHP (Express scripts), on campus pharmacy
Please describe your hospitalization coverage. Covered with co-pay
What are your maternity/paternity policies?
What is your child care coverage?
Please describe any specialty care.
Please describe your mental healthcare coverage. Covered through DSGHP on campus with Dartmouth Counseling Services, with limits
Please describe any dependent discount for healthcare coverage. Dependent discount available.

Please describe your dental coverage. None. Basix dental discount program with select dental providers

Please describe your optical coverage. None.

**Housing/Space**

How many beds for on-campus graduate student housing?

How many beds for off-campus graduate student housing?

What is the proportion of graduate students living on campus? 0.02%

What is the range of monthly rent charged by the university? Sachem Village, off campus graduate community 1-3 bedroom units ($925-$1995); North Park (previously graduate on-campus community) 4 bedroom apartment split by room ($965) or single bedroom ($1180); off-campus local rentals vary from apartments to full house rentals ($900-$3000)

As compared to the undergraduate residences at your university, where are the graduate dormitories located? Previous graduate on-campus housing was located on the NE edge of campus, separate from undergraduate housing dorms.

**Facilities/Events**

Do graduate students have specific facilities for social events and entertainment (such as common room, specific library, etc.)? What are they?

We now have the GRAD lounge, an 80 person social space for graduate students and post-doctoral staff. Aside from the GRAD lounge, we can reserve space on campus that is not specifically for graduate students.

How many events do you run? Please describe typical attendance.

The GSC hosts 4 large events per year (~100-300 people), and multiple smaller events, approximately 10 per term (~10-40 people), with the exception of Summer term.

What percent are academic, social or other?

90% social or student life oriented, 10% academic.

What is the availability and accessibility of study space (ie, group workspace, library, computer lab)?

Study spaces are accessible by all students with little to no issue (library, etc.). Larger study spaces are moderately accessible. There is no dedicated/reservable computer lab.
Who organizes events for graduate students in these spaces? Are there restrictions on who can book or use space?
The library hosts a few events throughout the year, otherwise there are no events organized in these spaces.

**Transportation**

*Is there free transportation option? Please describe.*
Advance Transit offers free bus service weekdays 6:30AM-5:30PM. No weekend or night service.

*Is Zipcar available (or a similar alternative)?*  
Yes.

*Is there night shuttle service?*  
Limited night shuttle service, two runs 7:30PM and 8:30PM, with limited stops.

**Student Government**

*Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much?*
We provide conference travel grants each term, by application, $250 awards. For the 2017-18 academic term we have $3000 total budget for travel grants.

*Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe.*  
There are recognized graduate student organizations dedicated to professional development. We host website building workshops for graduate students to build their own professional sites hosted by Dartmouth.  
The majority of professional development seminars are hosted through the School of Graduate and Advanced Studies (GRAD) by Kerry Landers, and The Dartmouth Center for the Advancement of Learning (DCAL), and not through the GSC.

*Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe.*
No.

**What is the budget of your student government in 2014-2015?**
I’m going to assume you meant the current academic year. For 2016-17 our budget was $65,000.

**What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)?**
All funds for the Dartmouth GSC are by student activities fees.
What are the voting bodies in your organization?
Department representatives, 43 total seats

What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?
President, Vice President, Communications Chair, Finance Chair, Student Life Chair, Academic Chair, Social Co-chairs, Service chair, GRAD Housing Coordinator, GRAD Activities Coordinator

When are elections held? What is the process?
Department Representatives (general council) elections are held electronically through the month of October: nominations week, acceptances and publishing nominees week, voting week.
Executive Officers elections are held in May: nominations week, acceptances and publishing nominees, voting at the general council meeting. A call for “shadowing” current executive officers is offered throughout (Feb-Apr)

Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how?
Executive officers have regular communication with Assistant Dean Kerry Landers from GRAD. She also attends our monthly general council meetings.

Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe.
GSC President and VP have seats on the Council of Graduate Studies.
   The CGS plans and coordinates the interests of all masters and doctoral graduate programs with other activities of the faculties and committees on campus.
The Council on Graduate Studies consists of the chair of each of the degree-granting graduate programs at Dartmouth, as well as one member from each of the three professional school faculties, two graduate student representatives, the Dean and Assistant Deans of Graduate Studies.

Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe.
$65 student activities fee per year
2017 Ivy+ Summit Survey
Brown University

Demographics (from Fall 2016 data)
Number of Undergraduate students: 6,580 total/6,568 full time
Number of Graduate students: 2,255 total/2,170 full time
Number of Professional (only medical) students: 545
Percent female: UG 52.2%, GS 46.5%, MS 50.6%
Percent international: UG 11.3%, GS 37.2%, MS 0.6%
Percent historically underrepresented groups: UG 18.9%, GS 9.6%, MS 21.5%

Funding
Stipends
- Humanities: ~$30,000 Number of months/year funded: 12
- Social Sciences: ~$30,000 Number of months/year funded: 12
- Division of Biology and Medicine: $30,618 Number of months/year funded: 12

Is deferment possible? No
Are there emergency funds available? Yes, to a degree. We are working with the graduate school to increase this capacity.

Graduate school-specific
Average years to completion: 5-6 for all
TA Requirements: all vary somewhat by program
- Humanities: typically 4-6 semesters
- Social Sciences: typically 4-6 semesters
- Life Sciences: typically 1-2 semesters
- Physical Sciences: typically 1-2 semesters

Healthcare
Please describe your general health insurance.
All active doctoral students receive health (Gallagher) and dental (Delta) coverage, while master’s students may buy in. The annual premium for health insurance is $3,615 for the 2017-2018 AY. Students may also opt out of the student health insurance plan for a buyout of $400/year. There is a $300 deductible per person per year, which is waived for ER visits, diagnostics ordered by Health Services, outpatient mental health visits, physician office visits, in-network preventative screening or labs, outpatient prescription drugs, and other outpatient services provided by Health Services. There is a $15 copay for doctor visits, a $100 copay for ER visits, and a $25 copay for urgent care center visits.
Please describe your prescription coverage.
The prescription drug program is available through the United Healthcare Pharmacy Network. After a copay of $15, $30, or $50, prescriptions on the formulary will be covered at 100% (in-network). This includes the local Health Services pharmacy, some local independent pharmacies, and national retail pharmacies (CVS, Walgreens, etc.).

Please describe your hospitalization coverage.
There is a $100 copay for inpatient hospitalization or outpatient surgery performed at a hospital, in addition to the $300 deductible.

What are your maternity/paternity policies?
Brown has a “parental relief” policy for graduate students. Under this, graduate students (up to year 6) of any gender in good academic standing on stipend are eligible for parental relief for the care of a newborn or an adopted child under the age of 16. The relief provides a stipend for one full semester or summer, and it may be requested up to two times during one’s tenure as a student at Brown.

What is your child care coverage?
Graduate students with dependent children ages 0-6 may apply for a child care subsidy. This award ranges from $1000-$4000 per year for those whose total household income is less than or equal to $100,000 annually. It may vary from family to family and year to year based on circumstances.

Please describe any specialty care.
Visits to specialists are covered, with a standard copay.

Please describe your mental healthcare coverage.
Mental healthcare is covered no differently from any other healthcare. Students may meet with Counseling and Psychological Services and/or be referred to off-campus mental healthcare providers. There are special Saturday hours at CAPS for graduate students who may find it difficult to make appointments during normal hours.

Please describe any dependent discount for healthcare coverage.
Dependents may be enrolled in health insurance, but for an additional cost.

Please describe your dental coverage.
Dental coverage is obtained through Delta Dental. As with health insurance, it is paid for doctoral students who wish to use it, while master’s students can buy in. It is $277.92 annually for one person, $555.84 annually for two people, and $875.40 annually for a family.

Please describe your optical coverage.
We do not have separate optical coverage. Medically-required and standard yearly eye exams are covered through regular health insurance.
**Housing/Space**

**How many beds for on-campus graduate student housing?**
We do not have graduate housing, and there are no standard on-campus housing options.

**How many beds for off-campus graduate student housing?**
We do not have official graduate housing. There are a few Brown-owned properties reserved by the Auxiliary Housing office for first-year graduate students who may be unable to travel to Providence to find housing before fall classes begin. Other graduate students may decide to rent other Brown-owned properties, but these are not reserved for graduate students.

**What is the proportion of graduate students living on campus?**
Few to no graduate students live on campus. Most students live in the surrounding areas of Providence, while a few live in nearby towns or even commute from Boston.

**What is the range of monthly rent charged by the university?**
For Brown owned properties, the average rent is between $825 and $1220, not including utilities or parking. Based on a recent survey of graduate students, the largest proportion of students pay $500-$749 in rent, with the next highest group paying $750-$999. Some of this variation is due to whether or not various utilities are included.

**As compared to the undergraduate residences at your university, where are the graduate dormitories located?**
There are no graduate dormitories.

**Facilities/Events**

**Do graduate students have specific facilities for social events and entertainment (such as common room, specific library, etc.)? What are they?**
We have a “Graduate Student Lounge” that serves as an all-purpose gathering space. This is somewhat problematic in that we are unable to make major upgrades to it as many student groups use it for regular meetings or practices, but it is generally useful for meetings, small social events, and so on.

**How many events do you run? Please describe typical attendance.**
We typically run approximately 6-8 social events per semester, including socials, paint/movie/trivia nights, and a large formal. Having now divided our social position into a Chair of Social Events and a Chair of Student Life, we are working on having more wellness-focused events as well.

**What percent are academic, social or other?**
We ourselves do not run academic events, although we occasionally fund some run by student groups. We primarily run social or wellness events, including large formals, smaller bar nights, paint nights, movie nights, relaxation events, etc.
What is the availability and accessibility of study space (ie, group workspace, library, computer lab)?
As of last year, a new graduate student-only library space was opened in the main campus library. It is guarded by swipe access, although anecdotally some undergraduates sneak in. Other than this, graduate students have access to the same general use spaces as all students.

Who organizes events for graduate students in these spaces? Are there restrictions on who can book or use space?
The Chairs of Social Events and Student Life organize most GSC-sponsored events. In addition, any graduate student can reserve the Lounge through a Google calendar (administered by the Chairs), while any graduate student can use the library space.

Transportation
Is there are free transportation option? Please describe.
Yes. There are daytime and nighttime shuttles to transport students to various parts of campus and surrounding buildings (hospital, downtown academic buildings). Additionally, students may use the Rhode Island Public Transport Authority (RIPTA) buses for free with their ID. There is also an on-call shuttle if needed, that will transport point-to-point within a defined radius.

Is Zipcar available (or a similar alternative)?
Yes. Additionally, approximately 60% of graduate students have their own cars, based on a GSC survey.

Is there night shuttle service?
Yes, it runs until 2 AM Sunday-Wednesday and until 3 AM Thursday-Saturday.

Student Government
Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much?
Yes, but we are not a primary funding source. We provide up to $300 per applicant, although it is intended as a measure of last resort after first seeking $650 from the graduate school, money from one’s department, and/or possibly money from the international travel fund.

Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe.
No. Traditionally the GSC focuses on social events and student life/wellness events; professional development is the domain of programs/departments.

Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe.
Yes. Brown’s CareerLAB (Life After Brown), serving undergrads and grads, includes advice on non-academic careers. Students can meet to review resumes and discuss career options and plans.
What was the budget of your student government in 2014-2015?
Fall 2014 $60,474 + Spring 2015 $54,025 = Total $114,499

What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)?
We are funded by student activities fees. Half of this money goes to the GSC, and comprises our entire budget.

What are the voting bodies in your organization?
Then general body votes on various general-business issues. The Finance Committee votes on funding applications. The Nominations Committee votes on students nominated to serve on various external University committees.

What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?
President, VP of Advocacy, Treasurer, Chair of Nominations, Chair of Student Life, Chair of Social Events, Chair of Communications, Chair of International Student Advocacy, Chair of Master’s Student Advocacy, and Chair of Technology

When are elections held? What is the process?
Elections are held once per year for most positions. Typically, they are held in November for positions to start in January, with December used as a backup in case there are positions remaining unfilled in November. For the position of Chair of Master’s Student Advocacy, elections are held each semester, to reflect the fact that there is higher turnover amongst these students. Finally, in the case that an Executive Officer must step down mid-term, elections are held on an ad hoc basis. Elections are decided by majority vote of departmental reps present, as long as there is sufficient representation for a quorum.

Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how?
No. The GSC operates independently, although of course subject to University regulations for most events and expenditures.

Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe.
The President is invited to attend the Corporation’s Subcommittee on Campus Life meetings, which take place during full Corporation meetings three times per year, but does not have any voting right. No GSC members attend any other subcommittees or full Corporation meetings.

Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe.
Yes. Half of the student activities fee is used to fund the GSC budget. The student activities fee is $60, in addition to a $64 student recreation fee (i.e.- gym memberships).
Demographics
Number of Undergraduate students: 5,978
Number of Doctoral students: 3,197
Number of Professional students: 5,287
Percent female: (Total professional and doctoral grad students) 43%
Percent international: 23%
Percent minority: 28%

Funding
Stipends
The Graduate Aid Initiative (GAI) supports most graduate students in the Humanities and the social sciences. The stipends in the natural sciences vary, but are generally higher than stipends granted by the GAI. Natural Sciences stipends are determined department-by-department and negotiated at the faculty level. Health insurance for all grad students is covered as an added payment and guaranteed for 7 years. Child-care stipends of $2000/year are available on an as-needed basis.

Humanities: $25,000 + $3,000 for summer 9 months of support guaranteed for 5 years (GAI):
Social Sciences: $25,000 + $3,000 for summer 9 months of support guaranteed for 5 years (GAI)
Natural Sciences: ~$32,000 12 months
Is deferment possible?
Are there emergency funds available?
There are emergency cash and loans available. Cash: Up to $1500, Loans: Up to $3,000. These options are most often leveraged to pay for health insurance after automatic coverage payments end (8th year).

Graduate school-specific
Average years to completion:
Humanities: 7
Social Sciences: 6
Divinity School: 8
Natural Sciences (and Engineering): 5.5

TA Requirements:
Varies dramatically department-by-department. Ex: Chemistry - 1 year, Physics - 2 years, Math - Every year. It’s typically competitive in Humanities/Social Sciences (who TA each quarter unless in certain disciplines that can RA e.g. Psych.), and not everyone is guaranteed a TAship. This is gradually becoming less of a problem as the university is trying to reduce time to graduation in those schools and accepting more undergrads.

Healthcare
See doc attached at the end.

Housing/Space
About UChicago Graduate Housing:
There has been a significant change in the university’s position on owning properties in the Hyde Park neighborhood. Because housing prices have stabilized since the recession, the university has sold dozens of graduate housing buildings and currently own only 13 properties. The idea of creating a strategic plan for graduate housing and community was the first issue that Graduate Council brought to the Board of Trustees in 2016-17. The university has invested in undergraduate housing, and converted all on-campus joint or graduate dorms to exclusively undergrad housing. In the wake of this major divestment, the graduate living situation has been in flux, but most graduate students still live within 1 mile of campus. There are major exceptions as business school and the medical school students almost exclusively live off campus (>5 miles from Hyde Park).

How many beds for on-campus graduate student housing?
N/A

How many beds for off-campus graduate student housing?
Studio – 3 bed

What is the proportion of graduate students living on campus?
0

What is the range of monthly rent charged by the university?
~$900 – 1200 per person (on par with average in neighborhood. Significantly cheaper options available in housing market)

As compared to the undergraduate residences at your university, where are the graduate dormitories located?
Undergraduate residence halls are on campus, while graduate residences are on average ½ mile away from the center of campus.
**Facilities/Events**

Do graduate students have specific facilities for social events and entertainment (such as common room, specific library, etc.)? What are they?

There are department-specific areas that can generally be booked by all graduate students or student groups. Some examples run from large lecture halls in Chemistry or Mol. Engineering to Theater space at the Logan Center of the Arts, to classroom and event spaces at the business or econ buildings (incl. space at the business school’s downtown campus).

*How many events do you run? Please describe typical attendance.*

Social: 2 large social events per quarter. Typically limited by venue size (500 – 1200 attendees per event)

Community: We also run small, intimate events so that students from diverse disciplines can get to know one another and build graduate community. ~2 events/week, attendance is usually at capacity (7-50 attendees).

*What percent are academic, social or other?*

Most of our events are social. We have done things like unionization town halls, and Grad Council town halls, but most academic events are best suited to be run by our admin collaborators at UChicagoGRAD (Grad Career Services).

*What is the availability and accessibility of study space (ie, group workspace, library, computer lab)?*

Again, this varies by discipline. Library space is rather accessible, and the science library has a significant computer lab space. There are also a number of spaces available in division buildings, but access may be unavailable unless booking on local divisional intranet.

*Who organizes events for graduate students in these spaces? Are there restrictions on who can book or use space?*

Interdisciplinary spaces such as libraries are free to use. Other spaces on campus may need to be booked using a local intranet (e.g. you must sign in with a Chicago Booth ID to book space at the business school)

**Transportation**

*Is there are free transportation option? Please describe.*

3 Chicago Transit Authority bus routes are free to ride with a UChicago ID. Also, all shuttle routes are free to ride

*Is Zipcar available (or a similar alternative)?*

Yes. We have a student discount program with Enterprise

*Is there night shuttle service?*

Yes. We have an extensive shuttle service with 7 daytime routes and 6 night routes

**Student Government**
Does your student council provide conference travel funding for graduate students? If yes, how much?
Yes. Last year we awarded 400+ grants totaling $166,000 with about a 70% acceptance rate

Are there any professional development seminars organized by your student council for graduate students? If yes, please briefly describe.
No. Some ideas come to us, but we usually outsource them to UChicagoGRAD

Is there any non-academic career service? If yes, please describe.
Through UChicagoGRAD, yes. There are constantly seminars, coffee chats, and workshops to keep students aware of opportunities in consulting, investment banking, government, etc.

What is the budget of your student government in 2017-18?
$512,000

What are the sources of funding for your student government (graduate school)?
20% of graduate student life fees go to “student activities”. This total is ~$2M, 50% of which goes to local divisional governments. The remaining 50% goes to student government. We negotiate every year to try and recapture as much grad life fee money as we can so that it doesn’t subsidize undergrad activities. Our budget has significantly increased over the past 3 years and our organization continues to grow. Our goal is to get 100% of the grad life fees into our account (~$900k).

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What are the voting bodies in your organization?
We have 17 elected reps from our 12 professional schools and divisions. Those reps vote in the grad council as well as the assembly (joint undergrad/grad body)

What are the elected leadership positions held in your graduate student organization?
We have a newly expanded 17 member executive team. Two Co-Presidents are elected each year, who then appoint the rest of the exec team to be confirmed by the council.

When are elections held? What is the process?

Because our different schools and divisions have very different structures and priorities, each is allowed to codify their own GC Representative election rules: gc.uchicago.edu/election-codes. The Liaison to the Board of Trustees is popularly elected from the entire grad student population. The Co-Presidents are elected by the 17 representatives of the council.

**Do you have administrative or faculty supervision or involvement in your organization? If yes, how?**
Yes. We have enormous support from UChicagoGRAD, the career services department under the provost’s office. They help us organize our large events, facilitate our talks with upper-level admin, and do our accounting/handle our transactions.

**Does your organization meet with the Board/Corporation of your university? If yes, please describe.**
Yes. We meet quarterly with the Board in often 3-on-3 student/board member meetings. We bring up topics that we think could be helped along by a capital investment from board members, and they are usually excited to bring our proposals back to the rest of the board. This will be the second year of this more collaborative interaction with board members.

**Does your university charge a student fee to fund your graduate student organization? If so, please describe.**
Yes. Our student life fee is $1,164. The alleged breakdown is shown below, but there are clear inconsistencies. The actual breakdown has not been terribly transparent and we know that it changes every year.

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## Student Fee Income Allocation

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<td>Breakdown of Remaining Fees</td>
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Healthcare

Please describe your general health insurance.
Students are required to be covered by insurance. U-SHIP is the
insurance provided by the university.
Basic student annual premium: $3972

https://wellness.uchicago.edu/page/u-ship-information
(in-network, out-of-network)
deductible: ($500,1000)
annual out-of-pocket-max: ($1500, 2500)
co-insurance (10%)
co-pay: ($20)
co-pay psychotherapy in student counseling: ($10)
co-pay prescriptions: Tier 1: $10
Tier 2: $25
Tier 3: $40

Please describe your prescription coverage
(see above)

Please describe your hospitalization coverage.


Inpatient Benefits:

1. Room and Board Expense. Daily semi-private room rate when confined as an Inpatient and
general nursing care provided and charged by the Hospital.

2. Intensive Care. If provided in the Schedule of Benefits.

3. Hospital Miscellaneous Expenses. When confined as an Inpatient or as a precondition for
being confined as an Inpatient. In computing the number of days payable under this benefit, the
date of admission will be counted, but not the date of discharge. Benefits will be paid for
services and supplies such as: The cost of the operating room. Laboratory tests. X-ray
examinations. Anesthesia. Drugs (excluding take home drugs) or medicines. Therapeutic
services. Supplies.

4. Routine Newborn Care. While Hospital Confined and routine nursery care provided
immediately after birth. Benefits will be paid for an inpatient stay of at least: 48 hours following 
a vaginal delivery. 96 hours following a cesarean section delivery. If the mother agrees, the 
attending Physician may discharge the newborn earlier than these minimum time frames.


8. Registered Nurse's Services. Registered Nurse’s services which are all of the following: 
Private duty nursing care only. Received when confined as an Inpatient. Ordered by a licensed 
Physician. A Medical Necessity. 14-BR-IL (PY16) 13 General nursing care provided by the 
Hospital, Skilled Nursing Facility or Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility is not covered under this 
benefit.

What are your maternity/paternity policies?

What is your child care coverage?

Please describe any specialty care.


Specialty Prescription Drugs – if you require Specialty Prescription Drugs, we may direct you to 
a Designated Pharmacy with 
whom we have an arrangement to provide those Specialty Prescription Drugs. If you choose not 
to obtain your Specialty 
Prescription Drug from a Designated Pharmacy, you will be responsible for 50% of the entire 
cost of the Prescription Drug 
Product billed charge not to exceed $1,000.

Please describe your mental healthcare coverage. 
(see above, covered through local student services with $10 copay)

Please describe any dependent discount for healthcare coverage.

Eligible students who do enroll may also insure their Dependents. Eligible Dependents are the 
student's legal spouse, civil union partner according to Illinois law, or same-sex Domestic 
Partner and dependent children under 26 years of age. See the Definitions section of the 
Brochure for the specific requirements needed to meet Domestic Partner eligibility. Dependent
Eligibility expires concurrently with that of the Insured student.

The table of rates is given as follows (from https://wellness.uchicago.edu/sites/wellness.uchicago.edu/files/uploads/2016-451-1%20Brochure%20v2.pdf) I imagine that it’s additive.

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Please describe your dental coverage.

**Optional for Students**

Optional Dental and Vision Coverage (available to all registered students)

The University has contracted with two different providers – Delta Dental of Illinois and United Healthcare – to offer optional dental and vision plans to all registered university students, regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in U-SHIP.

All of the dental plans cover two annual cleanings, but vary in the amount of coverage they provide for fillings, oral surgery, and other services. Both vision plans cover an annual eye exam with a $10 copay. For more detailed information about premiums, copayments, and annual benefits, as well as information about how to enroll, visit:


same for both in and out of network treatment:

covered 100%:
periodic oral evaluation
radiographs
lab/diagnostics
cleanings
fluoride treatment
sealants
space maintainers
restorations

Maximum is set at $500/person/year.

Please describe your optical coverage.

Optional for students.

All of the dental plans cover two annual cleanings, but vary in the amount of coverage they provide for fillings, oral surgery, and other services. Both vision plans cover an annual eye exam with a $10 copay. For more detailed information about premiums, copayments, and annual benefits, as well as information about how to enroll, visit:


Every 12 months:
  Comprehensive Exam, Spectacle Lenses, Frames, Contact Lenses
Copays (in network):
  Exams: $10
  Materials: $25
Reimbursements (out of network):
  Up to $40: Exams, Frames, Lenses. More advanced lenses have larger copays, see document.

Annual student email about insurance text:

Dear <Student>
Welcome to the University of Chicago! We are excited that you will join us this autumn. Following is some important information regarding University insurance requirements and upcoming deadlines:
  ● The University of Chicago requires ALL students to have health insurance coverage.
  ● Students must provide insurance information to the University on an annual basis.
Open enrollment begins August 1 and extends through 5pm, Friday, September 30 for students enrolled this autumn.

All registered students are enrolled in the University Student Health Insurance plan (U-SHIP).*

*Please note: A very small minority of students are enrolled in academic programs that are not eligible for U-SHIP. If you are uncertain about your U-SHIP enrollment status, please check with your academic program advisor.

Do you plan to stay enrolled in U-SHIP for this year?

- If you plan to use U-SHIP for your insurance coverage this academic year, we encourage you to confirm your U-SHIP enrollment at your earliest convenience through this link: Confirm/Waive Site.
- This will allow you to set up a UnitedHealthcare MyAccount within 2-3 working days after your data is sent to United. You can then download your 2016-2017 insurance ID card.
- If you do not confirm online, you are still covered but may experience billing difficulties if you need to use U-SHIP before September 30, 2016.

Do you need to enroll dependents into U-SHIP?

- If you wish to enroll dependents in U-SHIP coverage, you first must confirm your own enrollment for the 2016-2017 plan year.
- Once your enrollment is confirmed, you may add dependents to your coverage, but you must do this by no later than 5pm Central time on Friday, September 30 at: Confirm/Waive Site.

How do you waive U-SHIP?

- To waive U-SHIP, you must affirm proof of comparable, active coverage. To determine if your insurance plan qualifies for a waiver, review the Comparable Coverage Checklist.
- To meet 2016-2017 requirements for comparable coverage, alternate insurance plans must:
  - Provide routine, non-emergency care, as well as emergency care, in the Chicago area.
  - Have no exclusions or waiting periods for pre-existing conditions.
  - Provide active coverage from the day your program begins until August 31, 2017 or until your program of study concludes (whichever is sooner).
  - Have a claims administrator with a U.S. phone number and address for submission of claims.
- You must complete the online Waiver Application at https://uship.uchicago.edu/authenticate.php. Once you have waived, you will receive an e-mail confirmation.
- You have until the 1st Friday of the first quarter you are enrolled during the academic year to either confirm or waive enrollment in U-SHIP. If you fail to waive by the deadline, you will remain enrolled in U-SHIP for the entire academic year and will be billed for the full plan premium ($3,615).

If you waive U-SHIP, your insurance plan may be audited to ensure it complies with all of the University’s waiver requirements. If your plan does not qualify, you will be required to find an alternate plan that provides comparable coverage, or you will be re-enrolled in U-SHIP for the full academic year.
Wait – are you currently under 18 years of age?

- If you will be under 18 years of age as of September 30, 2016, you must have a parent or guardian complete the Under 18 Enrollment / Waiver form on your behalf.
- This form must be submitted to the on-campus insurance office no later than 5pm Central time on September 30, 2016.

Optional Dental and Vision Coverage (available to all registered students)

- The University has contracted with three providers – Delta Dental of Illinois, Cigna, and United Healthcare – to offer optional dental and vision plans to all registered university students, regardless of whether or not they are enrolled in U-SHIP.
- All of the dental plans cover two annual cleanings, but vary in the amount of coverage they provide for fillings, oral surgery, and other services. View details here: Dental Insurance Options.
- Both vision plans cover an annual eye exam with a $10 copay. For more detailed information about premiums, co-payments, and annual benefits as well as information about how to enroll, visit Vision Coverage Options.

For more information about U-SHIP, view the U-SHIP Policy Guide.

Do you have questions or need assistance?
For assistance with confirming or waiving U-SHIP enrollment or setting up a UnitedHealthcare MyAccount, contact the on-campus insurance office at uchicagoadvocates@uhcsr.com or 773-834-4543(select option 2).