

NYU SOCIOLOGY – PhD FUNDING INFORMATION – 2018¹

MacCracken Funding

Doctoral students are awarded five years of MacCracken support for full-time study. The MacCracken covers tuition and registration and services fees for the degree program, as well as NYU student health insurance. In addition, students receive an academic-year stipend to help cover living expenses. The stipend for AY 2018-19 is \$28,145.00 and typically increases annually. The MacCracken also covers maintenance of matriculation fees and student health insurance in the two years following the term of the MacCracken (typically years 6 and 7), if the student is still enrolled. MacCracken funding is fellowship support and has no teaching requirement.

If students receive external fellowships or grants, their MacCracken awards typically will remain the same and any funding for living expenses, travel or research from the external award will be in addition to the MacCracken package (assuming the external agency permits two awards to be received at the same time). Students may opt to reserve all or a portion of their MacCracken stipend while receiving external fellowships, and then use the reserved MacCracken funds later, either as summer support or toward a sixth year of study, at the stipend amount prevailing at that later time.

Start-Up Funds

Students receive \$2,000 in total in one-time start-up funds (\$1,000 from GSAS and \$1,000 from the Department). This is awarded as a stipend during the first semester in the program. Students can spend these funds in any way they choose.

Summer Funding in Years 1, 2, and 3

Students can receive \$3,500 in summer funding per year in years 1, 2, and 3. Funding is awarded to work on research projects under the supervision of Department faculty and is contingent on approval from the Director(s) of Graduate Studies, in consultation with students' faculty advisors. Funding is also subject to the availability of funds in the Department. This is awarded as a stipend in two installments, half in mid-May and half in mid-July.

Additional Departmental Funding

Students can apply to receive funding from the Department if they are presenting at a conference. The maximum funding is \$350 for conferences being held in the US and \$500 for conferences being held abroad. This funding can be used to cover costs associated with transportation, lodging, registration, and meals. These funds are paid to students as reimbursements and are non-taxable.

Students can apply to receive pre-dissertation proposal funding and/or supplemental dissertation research funding, both of which can be used to help cover research and dissertation-related costs (e.g., acquisition and/or analysis of datasets, training in a particular set of methods or software, travel to research sites or archives, transcription costs, or funds to conduct a pilot study.) The Department has a pool of \$30,000 per year to provide this funding to students (contingent on available funding in the future). These funds are paid to students as reimbursements and are non-taxable.

¹All funding and awards are subject to students making successful academic progress, as defined by the Graduate School of Arts and Science and the Department of Sociology.

Teaching and Research Opportunities

Students have the opportunity to teach as an adjunct during the fall and spring semesters, typically in year three or later. Adjuncts in the Department are usually assigned to lead two recitation sections and grade related assignments, currently receiving payroll compensation over \$6,500 per semester. If you take advantage of this teaching opportunity for four semesters, you will receive total compensation of more than \$26,000 during your studies. If teaching in a semester while also receiving MacCracken support, students may opt to reserve all or a portion of their MacCracken stipend, and then use the reserved MacCracken funds later, either as summer support or toward a sixth year of study, at the stipend amount prevailing at that later time. Additionally, students in year three or later have the opportunity to teach a "stand-alone" course during the summer. The compensation for these courses is more than \$5,700, depending on the course schedule. This is compensation and is paid to students via Payroll.

Students may also have the opportunity to serve as a faculty research assistant to one or more of our faculty members. Current faculty research assistants are typically paid between \$15 and \$25 per hour, and work up to 20 hours per week (although many work fewer hours). This is compensation and is paid to students via Payroll.