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NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Institutional National Research Service Award (Training Programs, T32)

The J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering (BME) desires to encourage Primary Faculty to solicit NIH Institutional National Research Service Award training programs to educate BME Ph.D. candidates. In addition, BME wants to ensure recruitment into these training programs is attractive and consistent with the appointments of BME, GSFA and GSPA graduate assistants.

Faculty Incentive

For the BME Primary Faculty who is the Contact PI of a NIH Ruth L. Kirschstein Institutional National Research Service Award (Training Award), the BME department will fund one new BME Ph.D. candidate for the duration of the Training Award. This additional student is separate from trainee(s) supported by the Training Award.

For BME Primary Faculty who are PI or Co-PI on a training award with a BME administered project, BME will split the additional costs for any BME Ph.D. candidate appointed as a trainee to the project.

Trainee Top-ups

Considering the current NIH T32 trainee stipend is less than the current BME and GSFA minimum graduate student stipend (\$26,000 at 0.50 FTE) and the current GSPA stipend minimum (\$30,000 at 0.50 FTE), BME will ensure each trainee receives a top-up to match their pre-fellowship graduate student appointment. Additionally, there are some costs that are required by the NIH T32 award that are not covered by the funding (40% of the trainee's tuition and fees).

In situations where the trainee is a BME Ph.D. student advised by a BME Primary Faculty, BME and the trainee's faculty advisor will split (50% each) all additional costs (i.e. stipend top-up and tuition and fees in excess of the NIH allowable limit). Affiliate faculty will be responsible for 100% of the additional costs for any trainee. Faculty advisors, whether Primary or Affiliate, will be 100% responsible for the additional costs for any non-BME Ph.D. trainee on an NIH T32 award.