

To : All Ongoing Research Students
 From : Research Office
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 Director of Finance
 Ms Hilda Ling (FO), Christopher Lai (FO)
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Dear Research Students,

The Interim Vice President (Research and Innovation) cum Chairman of the Research Committee has approved the following change to the regulations concerning the issuance of stipend to RPg students. The change is highlighted in red colour and implemented with immediate effect.

Item	RPg Regulations with effect from 2017/18
Stipend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to be paid to full-time students on a monthly basis; • if a student starts his/her study on the 1st working day of a month, he/she will be eligible for receiving stipend from the date he/she commences studies; • if a student starts his/her study on any day of a month other than the 1st working day, he/she will start to receive his/her stipend from the 1st day of the following month; • paid until the end of the normal study period or until submission of thesis, whichever is the earlier paid within the normal study period; • extension of stipend beyond the normal study period requires approval from the DRC/FRC/School Board. The student and Chief Supervisor should provide sound justification and a detailed study plan for the DRC/FRC/School Board's consideration and decision; and • stipend paid will not be retracted.

All cohorts of RPg students are eligible for receiving stipend so long as they are registered full-time students and within their normal study period. Stipend will not be stopped upon students' submission of thesis within the normal study period. Stipend will be paid till the end of the students' normal study period.

However, if an RPg student graduates within the normal study period, his/her stipend will be stopped from the RC's approval date of his/her award.

Thank you.

Research Office