14. Guide for Nonresident International Student Fellowship Stipends (F-1/J-1 visas)

Research Fellow – Title Code 3296

The Research Fellow title is used for nonresident international students receiving fellowship stipend payments. Prior to processing the stipend payment, the department must submit a stipend request through the online financial support tool. The department must simultaneously enter stipend payment information into the payroll system in order for the Disbursements Division to issue a stipend check. Special processing is required for retroactive actions (see below).

NOTE: U.S. citizen, permanent resident, and resident alien stipend payments are administered by the Graduate Division through the Student Aid Management System (SAM). In general, an international student will become a resident alien for U.S. tax purposes only in their sixth year in the U.S.
If you have questions as to whether a student is a resident alien, please contact Paul Rodriguez, x43241, in the Payroll office.

A student can be set up for one fiscal year (through 6/30) at a time. Extensions beyond 6/30 may be done in the month of May.

TIN – Tax Identification Number

In October 2004, the Social Security Administration (SSA) revised their document requirements for international students on F-1 and J-1 status.

In the case of the F-1 student, the student must have a written offer of employment in order to apply for a Social Security number (SSN).

Incoming international students on F-1 visas who 1) do not have an offer of employment, and 2) do have fellowship support (which must be paid through PPS on title code 3296), must obtain an ITIN.

The ITIN Application Procedure can be found at the following website: https://icenter.ucsd.edu/ispo/current/forms-guides/guides/ITIN-information%20.html

No tax treaty:
If the Nonresident Alien (NRA) is subject to the 14% federal tax withholding, the IRS W-7 form must be filed along with the 1040NR (or 1040NR-EZ) tax return during the next regular tax filing season.

For PPS input on title code 3296, the department must enter all nines in the SSN field or all zeroes if you are using the web-based PPS system. Upon update in PPS, the number will be displayed as all zeroes.
Once a Taxpayer Identification number (TIN) number is obtained, the individual must report it to their department for input into the system. In addition, please notify Kathryn Murphy of the new TIN (or SSN) in order for her to request that Disbursements update IFIS with the new information.

_Tax treaty:_
If the NRA is eligible for a tax treaty exemption, the IRS W-7 form must be filed as soon as possible in the hope of quickly receiving a TIN.

At the latest, the TIN must be received in sufficient time for year-end reporting.

_The treaty will not be granted until a number is obtained, per IRS regulations. The payee will experience federal taxation until a valid number is obtained and updated in PPS._ Payroll will be able to make retroactive refunds during the year on any taxes withheld.

Again, once a Taxpayer Identification number (TIN) number is obtained, the individual must report it to their department for input into the system. In addition, please notify Kathryn Murphy of the new TIN (or SSN) in order for her to request that Disbursements update IFIS with the new information.

Please ensure that your incoming NRA graduate students (who are not currently eligible to apply for a SSN) are made aware that they must submit an IRS W-7 form in accordance with the IRS guidelines.

Finally, if/when the NRA is offered employment, the student must apply for a SSN. A SSN will always have priority over any other number. Please ensure that NRA fellowship recipients who eventually become employees (e.g., GSR) apply for a SSN when the time comes.

_Retroactive Actions (input after the monthly PPS entry deadline)_

_Retroactive_ changes made in payroll (PPS) to title code 3296 stipend payments will not automatically flow through to Disbursements and special processing must take place.

Below are the following steps to take if you need to make a _retroactive_ change to the fund source and/or dollar amount of a payment made on title code 3296:

1) In all cases, please provide the Graduate Division with updated information on the Graduate Division Online Support Tool (https://goapp.ucsd.edu/financial/).

2) See below:

_Change to fund source only:_ make correction to _original_ appointment in PPS. Notify _departmental fund manager_ of relevant information in order for he/she to _journal expense_ from old fund source to new fund source. (Note: the Graduate Division is the fund manager for all GSRXXXX index numbers.)
Change to dollar amount (increase): increase/add current month appointment in PPS. For example, if you need to pay the student an additional $100.00 for the month of February, leave the February appointment as is, and increase the March appointment by $100.00. If you make a retroactive change to the February appointment, the change will not flow through to Disbursements and the student will not be paid the additional funds.

Change to dollar amount (decrease): if the student has a current appointment in PPS, decrease the current appointment to reflect the correct amount. For example, if you need to decrease the student's February stipend by $100.00, leave the February appointment as is, and decrease the March appointment by $100.00. The student's March check will then reflect the adjustment for February.

If the student does not have a current appointment in PPS, correct the original appointment in PPS and manually bill the student for the amount owed (net stipend payment). For example, if the student was over-paid by $100.00 for the month of February, but has no March (or current fiscal year) appointment to adjust, correct the February appointment in PPS, and notify the student of the amount owed (net stipend).

3) Do not send a Payroll Expense Transfer (PET) to Payroll; a PET for a 3296 appointment will be rejected by Payroll and returned to the department.

Direct Deposit Information

If the international student has a current PPS appointment (GSR, TA, etc.), the stipend payment will be issued according to the Surepay/Wage Disposition information in PPS.

If the student does not have a current PPS appointment (at the time the 3296 appointment is established in PPS), the stipend payment will be issued according to the Disbursements Direct Deposit Form.

To be safe, the student may want to sign up for both:

Payroll:
http://blink.ucsd.edu/Blink/External/Topics/How_To/0,1260,4306,00.html

Disbursements:
http://blink.ucsd.edu/buy-pay/payment-methods/direct-deposit/enroll.html

How to Verify if a Check Has Been Issued

Log in to Integrated Financial Information System (IFIS).
(S)elect AP (F9)
(S)elect CHKMENU (F12)
(S)elect CHKRLST (SHIFT-F2)

“Payee” field: enter payroll employee ID number

APRVD AMT = Gross stipend amount
NUMBER (heading to the right of APRVD AMT) = If the field starts with “A”, it is an automatic direct deposit check, otherwise hard copy
CHECK DATE = date stipend payment was issued
AMOUNT = Net amount after any federal tax withholding

**Tax Information**

Federal tax – in the absence of a tax treaty, a flat tax of 14% will be withheld.

State tax – no California state tax will be withheld. The University is not required to withhold state taxes from stipend payments, although the student may continue to have a state tax liability. It is the student’s responsibility to determine this liability, if any.

Tax reporting – a year-end 1042-S form (instead of a W-2 Wage and Tax Statement) will be issued by the Payroll Office to each foreign student whose stipend payment is processed through Disbursements.

Additional tax information for students is available at:
[http://grad.ucsd.edu/resources/general/tax.html](http://grad.ucsd.edu/resources/general/tax.html)
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NOTE: The Description of Service (DOS) code is “RPX”.
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GRADUATE STUDENT NEW HIRE DATA COLLECTION WORKSHEET  
(For Completion of Mandatory Fields)  
SAMPLE RESEARCH FELLOW (3296)  

(EEID)  
Social Security Number: 123456789  
John Richard Sampleton  
First Name Middle Last Name Suffix (Jr./Sr.)  
Date of Birth: 031471  

(EPD1)  
Sex: M (M or F)  
Hispanic: ___  
American Indian or Alaska Native: ___ Asian: ___ Black/African American: ___  
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: ___ White: ___  
Primary Ethnic/Race: ____ (see page 5-8)  
Disabled Status: ____ (see page 5-8)  
Veteran Status Codes – Vietnam: _____ War/Campaign: _____ Oth Status: _____ Serv Medal: _____  
(N or V) (N or E = Veteran) (see page 5-8)  
Recently Separated Veteran Date: ____  
Citizenship: ____  
(C = Citizen, R = Resident Alien, N = Non-Resident Alien, A= Canada, Mexico, S. Korea, S = India)  
Student Status: 4 (Grad) No. of Reg. Units: ____ (leave blank)  
Stu/Reg: ____ (leave blank)  

(EPD2)  
Oath Signature Date: ____ (leave blank for Permanent Residents and International Students)  
I9 Date: 1001XX NOTE: Employees must complete and sign Section 1 of Form I-9 no later than the first day of employment, but not before accepting a job offer.  

(EADR)  
Permanent Address:  
Line 1: (only use for P.O. Box, route number or c/o line)  
Important to keep current. Line 2: 215 Main Street  
City: San Diego State CA Zip: 92014  
Home Phone:  

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(EADR) continued

Campus Release Codes – Perm Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ Spouse Name: _____ 
For all of the above: Blank = No (do not release information), Y= Yes (release information) , N=No 
Employee Organization Disclosures – Perm Address: _____ Home Phone: _____ 
For all of the above: Blank = Yes (release information) , N= No, Y= Yes 
Mail Code: 0139____(This is where the paycheck, direct deposit pay stub, and W2 form are sent).

(ETAX) Refer to payroll instructions for a non-resident alien and student’s completed W-4 Form.

Federal: Marital Status: _____(M)arried S (S)ingle Personal Allowances: 1 
State: Marital Status: _____(M)arried S (S)ingle _____(H)ead of Household Personal Allowances: 1 Itemized Deductions:_______ 
Addl Fed Tax Withholding: (leave blank) _________ Addl Fed Nonres Alien Tax: _________

(EALN) For non-U.S. citizens only. Refer to payroll instructions.

Country Code: _____ Visa Type: _____ Visa/Work Permit End Date: __________ US Date of Entry__________ 
(F1: see line 5 on I-20; J1: see line 3 of DS-2019)

(EAPC)

APPOINTMENT:
Type: 5 Basis (leave blank) Pd Ovr (leave blank) Begin Date 1001XX End Date 0630XX Dept Code 000326 
Title Code 3296 %Full (blank) F/V F Ann/Hr Rate (blank) Rt A Sch MO Time N Lv N 
DISTRIBUTION:
Index (your index) Sub 2 Dist % (blank) Beg Date 1001XX End Date 0630XX Step__Amt 1000.0 Dos RPX

(EPER)

BELI 5 Effective Date: 1001XX 
Date of Hire: 1001XX Original Date of Hire: 1001XX 
Employee Relations Code: E Employee Relations Unit: 99 
NOTE: System will automatically populate if “E” is ERC code 
Home Dept Code: (must be Grad’s academic dept code) ________ Timekeeper Code:___________ 
College Code: __________

Comments: Fellowship stipend for International student. Nine payments @ 1000.00/month.