

Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship (ECF) for Students Admitted Prior to 2013

An Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship (ECF) is a five-year recruitment fellowship for students admitted prior to 2013. It provides guaranteed funding of \$18,000 in each of the first five consecutive years of the recipient's study at the Graduate Center (counted from the first semester that the ECF is registered). The fellowship provides a tuition award for five years. ECFs who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents and are New York State residents receive an in-state tuition award for five years. ECFs who are international students receive an out-of-state tuition award for five years that covers the cost of nine credits per semester. ECFs who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents but are not New York State residents during the first year of study will receive an out-of-state tuition award for Year 1 that covers the cost of nine credits per semester. In Years 2 through 5, they receive an in-state tuition award. It is important to note that the ECF requires service in all five years, including Year 1 and 5.

The \$18,000 is paid as follows:

In Year 1 the ECF will receive the \$18,000 from two sources: a research assistantship in the form of a Graduate Assistant B (GAB) appointment, which will be paid on a bi-weekly basis over twelve months (September through the following August), plus a small stipend, which will be paid once a semester by the Office of Financial Aid. The GAB appointment will require the ECF to work 7.5 hours a week during each semester for a total of 225 hours for the academic year.

Please note: As of Fall 2014 the teaching load for ECFs will be one course per semester in years 3 and 4. The fellowship will be paid as a Graduate Assistantship B plus a stipend. The total funding will continue to equal \$18,000 per year.

In Years 2, 3, and 4, the ECF will be appointed to another Graduate Assistant position, a Graduate Assistant C (GAC) and serve as a Graduate Teaching Fellow (GTF) to teach at one of the CUNY undergraduate colleges. Like the GAB in Year 1, the GTF/GAC salary is paid on a bi-weekly basis over twelve months. In the first year of the GTF/GAC, the ECF will receive a small Financial Aid stipend each semester, as necessary, to bring the total annual funding up to \$18,000. In subsequent years, the GAC/GTF salary exceeds \$18,000 so the ECF will not receive any additional stipend from Financial Aid as part of the ECF award. GTFs/GACs are required to teach a total of 180 contact hours during the academic year, which is met either by teaching two 3-credit courses each semester or three 4-credit courses—two courses being taught in the Fall semester and only one course in the Spring.

In Year 5, the ECF will be appointed to a service-related fellowship. The compensation is approximately \$20,000. This appointment requires ECFs to provide service at one of the CUNY colleges. The workload for this assignment is 15 hours a week over the course of each semester for a total of 450 hours during the academic year.

Please note that the graduate assistant appointments mentioned above all carry eligibility for the NYSHIP health insurance plan for CUNY doctoral students. ECFs will be given information regarding the NYSHIP enrollment process when they are processed to the Graduate Center payroll for the GAB appointment in Year 1. The current cost to the student for the NYSHIP health insurance coverage for individual coverage is \$7.49 bi-weekly. For further information, please see the GC's [NYSHIP web page](#).

Questions about the ECF awards may be directed to Ms. Anne Ellis in the Office of the Provost at 212-817-7200 or to provost@gc.cuny.edu.