

DCE (Dissertation Completion Enrollment) Funding

PhD students whose departmental program length has expired have the option to apply for up to two years of DCE (Dissertation Completion Enrollment) status. This is a fully enrolled status with all of the benefits of regular enrollment, albeit with a lesser tuition charge. For the 2009-10 academic year, the tuition (including the mandatory student health plan fee) is \$3,950.

DCE students are not funded by the Graduate School the same as regularly enrolled students. The only funding available in the Humanities and Social Sciences is that which is reserved by the student during a regular year of enrollment because of external or departmental resources.

Graduate students in the natural sciences and engineering will be funded according to the availability of research funds and/or teaching appointments. The Graduate School does not have the means to fund these students from fellowship dollars.

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The funding policies for students who opt into DCE status are noted below.

1. In the humanities and social sciences, the Graduate School will fund only the **FIRST YEAR OF DCE**.
2. DCE funding from the Graduate School cannot be reserved.
3. The student health plan cannot be decoupled from tuition for DCE students.
4. There are no Graduate School summer funds for DCE students (there are a few exceptions for honorific fellowships, the occasional Hanna grant, etc.).
5. Where multiple types of funding are present, DCE students will be treated the same as regular students.
6. There is no cost-sharing on research contracts for DCE students.
7. DCE students who receive qualifying external grants that cover at least 60% of the prevailing stipend rate will have their DCE tuition paid by the Graduate School.
8. Students who hold AI appointments for ≥ 2 hours/term will have their full tuition paid by the Graduate School. There is no tuition support for a one-hour AI appointment.
9. Students who receive multi-year external grants and/or a one year travel abroad fellowship while regularly enrolled, and who do NOT accept a simultaneous stipend supplement from the Graduate School, are entitled to one year of DCE fellowship support from the Graduate School. (The exception is the Economics Department, where students are not eligible for fellowship support but, rather, rely on available teaching appointments.)

NOTE: ET/DCC students who teach will be appointed as lecturers through the Dean of Faculty's Office, and receive appropriate employee benefits (if 50% FTE or more). Lecturers cannot then return to student status in order to accept an AI appointment (because student status must be continuous).