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Pricing policy for studentships

Cost	Pricing Policy	sponsors applicable to
Student Stipend	All sponsors should cover this cost. The minimum Research Council stipend rate for 2025/2026 will be £20,780 per annum from 1 October 2025.	All
Composition Fees	All sponsors should cover this cost. The full-time home student rate for 2025/2026 will be £5,006 from 1 October 2025. Overseas and part-time fees should be charged as applicable and the figures are available on the University Doctoral and Researcher College website.	All
Consumables	All sponsors should cover general and lab consumables relevant to the project. Research councils, charities and government awards tend to set a maximum rate per annum.	All, if sponsor rules allow
Research Training Support Grant (RTSG)	All sponsors should cover this cost, which is an allocation of funds towards conferences and training support. Various sponsors set a maximum rate. Research Councils usually allow between £750 per annum for arts based projects and £5,000 per annum for science-based laboratory projects.	All
Equipment and/or Other Costs	The majority of sponsors will cover specific costs if they are deemed essential costs of the Studentship. Examples could include, PC, recruitment, publication costs.	All, if sponsor rules allow
Overheads	Overheads should be charged where sponsor rules allow. The fee varies by area and below is a suggested minimum that should be charged: Arts and Humanities projects £1,600 per annum; Henley Business School projects £2,000 per annum; Science Schools (classroom/office based project): £4,200 per annum; Science Schools (laboratory based project): £6,000 per annum; Investigator time can also be charged if this is more acceptable to the sponsor than overheads.	Sponsors **excluding** RCs, Government or open competition charities

Please note that UKRI are updating the standard terms and conditions of training grants for the 2025-26 academic year.

Pricing Policy Requirements

University as Charity

The University of Reading is an independent corporation with Charitable Status. As such, University Council is required to ensure the University conducts its activities in line with its charitable purposes as laid out in the University Charter and in compliance with charity law generally. This includes protecting and using University assets appropriately and operating sufficient financial controls.

Pricing of research and enterprise activity

In dealing with an external organisation to deliver research or carry out other such funded activities on their behalf, it is a clear principle under charity law that the University must not use its funds or resources to subsidise activity or make up a funding shortfall unless satisfied it would be within its charitable purposes and in the interests of the University and its beneficiaries to do so.

This requires that the University both maintains an accurate understanding of the full cost of its activities and sets prices for work appropriately.

Investigator time on research grants and contracts