In addition to the stipends and/or precepting income that are offered to Th.D. students as part of their admission and yearly renewal, the Divinity School also provides yearly allotments of $750 per student to subsidize their study and preparation for future scholarly careers. The funds are offered for a maximum of four years per student (or a total of $3,000), provided that the student remains in good standing in his or her Th.D. program.

These funds become available on July 1 of each year. Funds not spent in a particular year can be carried over to supplement the allotment for the next year. Any funds remaining unused for two years are forfeited. This means that a student’s accumulated unspent funds will never exceed $1500, and any funds remaining after five years of participation in the program are forfeited.

The most common use for these funds in the initial years of a student’s program is to prepare for language reading exams, by taking scholarly language reading courses (usually in the summer). Questions about which courses or programs are approved for receiving support funding should be directed to the Director of the Th.D. program.

The most common use of these funds in later years of a student’s program is for expenses to attend scholarly conferences, when the student is making a contribution to the conference. Other uses of the funds are possible, but must be approved by the director of the Th.D. Program.

Students work with Samantha Anderson (sanderson@div.duke.edu) in the Office of Academic Formation and Programs to access this support funding. In many cases she will be able to cover the costs directly; in other cases the student will be reimbursed for costs that they have incurred.