



HARVARD UNIVERSITY
The Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

March 15, 2022

Dear Diego Ayala,

It is truly a great pleasure for me to notify you of your selection as a Presidential Scholar in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. This award is offered to a small group of the most talented prospective students in the humanities and social sciences. The Program in Sociology nominated you for consideration at the time of your selection for admission. Funds to support these awards come from the Office of the President in recognition of Harvard's desire to attract the most outstanding individuals to our graduate programs.

As a result of your selection for this distinguished award, you will receive an additional \$6,000 of financial support in years one and two and a \$20,000 Term-Time Research Fellowship in year five. This additional funding supersedes your original offer of financial support that was sent to you on February 11, 2022.

Presidential Scholarships reflect our commitment to bringing the most promising, creative, and diverse group of students to Harvard to do their doctoral work. I want you to know how eager we are to have you come here to study. We would be most grateful if you would respond to this offer as soon as possible, in any event no later than April 15.

This year we had a remarkable applicant pool in the Program in Sociology, and across the entire Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Your selection as a Presidential Scholar is a recognition that you are among our most distinguished applicants. We very much hope to welcome you to the GSAS community in August.

Sincerely,

Emma Dench
Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
McLean Professor of Ancient and Modern History and of the Classics



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Dear Diego Ayala,

On behalf of the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, I am pleased to confirm that in addition to your admission to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, you have been chosen as a 2022 Presidential Scholar. The Presidential Scholar Program recognizes top Ph.D. candidates in the humanities and social sciences. It is my pleasure to present you with the revised multi-year financial award detailed below, along with key information to help you understand the opportunities, programs, and services available to you as a GSAS student.

I encourage you to review your financial award and additional information carefully. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at gsasfinaid@fas.harvard.edu. Congratulations, again—we look forward to meeting you on campus soon!

Sincerely,

Notice of Financial Support for Diego Ayala

On behalf of the Program in Sociology, I am pleased to offer you the following Presidential Scholar financial support package:

Fall 2022

Relocation Allowance: **\$1,000**

Year 1 (2022-23) & Year 2 (2023-24)

Tuition & Health Fees: **\$57,840** (Paid in Full)

Academic Year Stipend (Sept-June): **\$32,090***

Presidential Scholarship: **\$6,000**

Summer Research Award (July & Aug): **\$6,418***

Year 3 (2024-25) & Year 4 (2025-26)

Tuition & Health Fees: **Paid in Full**

Teaching Fellowship (Sept-June): **\$32,090***

Summer Research Award (July & Aug): **\$6,418***

Year 5 (2026-27)

Tuition & Health Fees: **Paid in Full**

Presidential Scholar Research Fellowship: **\$20,000** (Fall or Spring term)

Dissertation Completion Year**

Tuition & Health Fees: **Paid in Full**

Academic Year Stipend (Aug-May): **\$32,090***

**This is a preliminary estimate, as stipend levels for academic year 2022-23 are still being finalized. Your actual stipend will be no less than this amount.*

***The **dissertation completion year fellowship** becomes available as soon as you are prepared to finish your dissertation, ordinarily in the fifth or sixth year.*

Understanding Your Financial Aid Award

Award Terms and Conditions

Eligibility for financial aid is contingent upon continued confirmation by the faculty that the student is making [satisfactory progress](#) toward the degree.

Students are expected to register continuously for full-time study each term. Any deviations from this enrollment pattern should be discussed in advance with a financial aid officer, as interruption of study may result in award modification or termination.

A detailed discussion of [GSAS financial aid policies](#) is available on the GSAS website; students should also consult their academic programs to determine whether other program-specific rules apply.

Tuition

[Tuition and required health fees](#) are charged to the student account in July for the fall term and December for the spring term. Unless noted otherwise above, fellowships for tuition and health insurance fees are applied directly to the student account in equal installments each semester.

Health Fees

GSAS fellowship awards cover the required student health fees assessed for the [Harvard University Health Services](#) and the [Harvard University Student Health Insurance Plan](#). Students who waive this coverage will have their awards adjusted accordingly; fellowship support is not available to cover the cost of insurance from other sources.

Academic Year Stipend/Summer Research Award

The first stipend check will be made available at the start of the fall term. Subsequent monthly stipends are disbursed to students on or around the first day of each month. [Additional information](#) is available on the GSAS website.

Teaching Fellowship

Your financial support includes several semesters of teaching and/or a comparable paid activity. This component of your funding is provided by your academic program and is contingent upon the successful completion of your program's General Examination requirement and the satisfying of any program prerequisites for teaching eligibility.

Outside Awards

GSAS students are strongly encouraged to apply for appropriate Harvard and outside fellowships throughout their enrollment. All students who receive funds from an outside source are expected to accept the award in place of the above Harvard award. In such cases, students may be eligible to receive a GSAS award of up to \$4,000 for each academic year of external funding secured or defer up to one year of GSAS stipend support. [Additional information](#) is available on the GSAS website.

Other Sources of Support

Other financial support available to you as a GSAS student include teaching and research assistant positions in the 5th year (subject to availability) and [travel and research fellowship](#) competitions.

US Income Taxes

In general, funds received to pay for tuition, fees required for enrollment, or course-related fees, books, supplies, and equipment are not taxable. Any additional funding, such as living expense and travel stipends or funds received as payment for providing teaching, research, or other services, may be subject to US federal income tax. While the University is unable to provide advice to individuals on tax matters, helpful general information is available from [Harvard University Student Financial Services](#), the [Harvard International Office](#), and a [Special Note Concerning US Income Taxes](#) on the GSAS website.

Responding to the Offers of Admission and Financial Aid

To respond to the offers of admission and financial aid, please visit the [GSAS Application Portal](#) by **April 15, 2022**. If you are accepting the offer of admission, you will be directed to complete a GSAS Additional Financial Information Form; international students will also find information about how to complete the financial certification process.