

JHU/NIH Genetic Counseling Training Program Finances

All students in the program receive three primary sources of support.

- A 30% tuition reduction granted by The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health:

The formula dictates that Johns Hopkins pays for the first \$3000 of tuition and then pays for 30% of the remainder. This applies for the duration of the 2.5 years of the program. For the 2023-2024 academic year, full tuition is \$63,408 for the year.

This means that Johns Hopkins will pay \$21,122 toward the first-year tuition, and each student’s tuition bill would be \$42,286 (if you exclude the first year scholarship described below).

See [JHU Bloomberg School of Public Health Tuition and Fees](#).

- A \$15,450 first year scholarship paid by the NIH

This reduces the cost of the first year of tuition to \$26,836.

- A predoctoral training stipend provided by the NIH to all US citizens or permanent residents.

See [NIH Predoctoral IRTA and Visiting Fellow Stipend Levels](#).

The below table provides a more specific breakdown of support throughout the program.

Year	JHU Pays	NIH Pays	Student pays	Student Stipend from NIH*
First	\$21,122	\$15,450	\$26836+ \$1361 (summer)	\$41,750
Second	\$21,693	0	\$43,617	\$43,002
Third (half year)	\$11,897	0	\$20,759	\$18,455
Total	\$54,712	\$15,450	\$92,573	\$103,207

*Stipends are approximate, as the exact stipend amount will depend on the student’s prior level of experience. Second and third year stipends assume a 3% increase per year, which is an approximation. The third year stipend is for 5 months (September-January).

What Else the Program Provides

- Health Insurance (at no cost to the student/fellow)
- \$5000 research support
- Laptop
- Most textbooks
- NSGC Attendance (once virtually and once in-person)
- ABGC Practice Exam

Additional Costs

- Matriculation Fee: \$500
- Health Clinic Fee: \$850 (first year only)

Indirect Costs (as estimated by the [Bloomberg School of Public Health](#))

Living Expenses/House in Baltimore (per month): \$1700

Living Expenses/Food in Baltimore (per month): \$642

Books, Course Materials, Supplies: \$200

Transportation: \$486**

Miscellaneous: \$280

**A few notes on transportation costs for the program. These will highly depend upon where the student chooses to live and the type(s) of transportation used. Most students choose to live in Baltimore. Students are required to travel to the NIH in Bethesda on average once per week (an 80 mile roundtrip). Students will also be required to travel throughout the greater Baltimore/Washington DC area for rotations in some quarters (although the program attempts to limit the number of quarters with rotations outside of Baltimore). Students often choose to carpool, which helps to distribute costs. Depending upon where students choose to park, parking at Johns Hopkins may be free (street parking) or may cost up to \$15 a day. There are free shuttles to the Johns Hopkins campus from many areas of the city. Parking at the NIH is provided at no cost.

Public transportation is available, but is not often convenient for our students. It is possible to travel by MARC train (Penn Line) from Baltimore's Penn Station to Union Station in Washington, DC. That trip takes approximately 60 minutes one way and costs \$9 one way. From Union Station, it is possible to take the DC Metro to the NIH via the Red Line. That trip takes approximately 30 minutes and costs approximately \$5 one way. For students who plan to rely solely on public transportation (not an option that is frequently chosen), the NIH offers a Transhare subsidy of up to \$315 a month (up to the actual cost of using public transportation for the month).