

Tax Information for Students

Salary and fellowship payments are considered taxable income. Salary payments are considered earned income, but fellowship stipend payments are not and so there are different tax withholding rules for stipend payments.

- There is tax withholding on salary payments
- Taxes are not withheld on fellowship stipend payments to US citizens and Permanent Residents. The recipient is responsible for making any estimated tax payments
- Fellowship stipend payments to non-U.S. residents are subject to 14% federal tax withholding
- Non-US residents may be eligible for tax exemption on fellowship stipends and assistantship salary payments if their country of residence has a tax treaty with the U.S. There are separate forms that must be completed to claim tax treaty for either fellowship stipend payments or assistantship salary payments

Tax information resources for students:

SU Financial Gateway site:

http://www.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/staff/supptstudents/tax_students.html#tax_re_s_international

Student Financial Services site:

<https://sfs.stanford.edu/taxes>

U.S. Internal Revenue Service site:

<http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Students>

Bechtel International Center:

<https://bechtel.stanford.edu/practical-matters/taxes>

Tax Treaty Information and Forms – Student Paid by Salary (RA/CA):

http://web.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/staff/taxcompliance/quick_steps/claim_taxTreaty_salary.html

Tax Treaty Information and Forms – Student Paid by Stipend (Fellowships):

http://web.stanford.edu/group/fms/fingate/staff/taxcompliance/quick_steps/claim_taxTreaty_fellow.html