The Interdisciplinary Biomedical Graduate Program has set the 2014-2015 stipend levels for graduate students at $27,000/year. In addition, all IBGP students receive tuition remission, health insurance, and access to public transit (worth $1,608.75/year). Each student also receives $2000 for the purchase of computers, books, or other approved items.

## Pittsburgh is a great place to live...but don’t just take our word for it! Here’s what everyone else says!

### Most livable city in America—Forbes, The Economist
### Top 20 worldwide destination—National Geographic
### #2 to buy a home, #10 to rent—Forbes
### Top 5 city for people <30—CBS, moving.com
### #8 fun city—Bizjournals
### #3 US art destination—American Style
### #9 lowest crime—Sperling’s Best Places
### #10 cleanest city—Forbes
### #1 adventure city—National Geographic
### Top economic urban area—Brookings Institute

## How far will your stipend go compared to other cities?

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Pittsburgh firsts: Ferris wheel, banana split, movie theater, baseball stadium, gas station, public television station, Big Mac, and more!
OAKLAND is the academic, cultural, and healthcare center of Pittsburgh and is Pennsylvania’s third largest “Downtown.” The neighborhood is urban and diverse, and has an abundance of shopping, restaurants, and students. Oakland is where most undergraduates reside, but some graduate students live here as well due to the short commute.

SHADYSIDE is home to many upscale stores and boutiques in Pittsburgh including Coach, Williams-Sonoma, Banana Republic, and Apple. The main business corridors are Walnut Street, Ellsworth Avenue, and Highland Avenue, where many local bars and restaurants are located. Since the 1920s, residential Shadyside has been home to a mix of affluent families, young professionals, graduate students, and many other types of people. The neighborhood is compact and features Victorian mansions along with modern apartments and condominiums.

SQUIRREL HILL is the one of the more family friendly neighborhoods in the city, being both quiet and affordable. Forbes and Murray Avenues are the main business sections. This neighborhood boasts a plethora of restaurants and coffee shops, and is the center of Jewish culture in the city. Wedged between Schenley and Frick parks, there is plenty of nature to enjoy in this neighborhood as well, including bike and foot trails, a pool, a golf course, Frisbee golf course, and ice rink.

LAWRENCEVILLE has undergone revitalization, and The New York Times notes it a “go-to destination”. As the city’s most artsy and hip neighborhood, many come to this area to enjoy the galleries and boutiques. There are many restaurants and coffee shops, as well as trendy bars, along the main artery of this area: Butler Street. Arsenal Park is in the center and has events during the year. Getting to the Strip District and the research labs are in newly renovated or brand new spaces in various buildings located close to the main Oakland campus. All labs are accessible by shuttle buses that run at least 2 times an hour during the week. Where you chose to live will likely be influenced by the building in which your lab will be located. In and around all the lab locations (red stars) are trendy and affordable neighborhoods that have local shopping as well as access to public transportation (which is free). Types of housing range from studios in housing complexes, to single floors on a house to whole houses.