Taxation of Scholarships & Fellowships



Non-Qualified Scholarship & Fellowship Payments to NRAs

Examples: 'Non-qualified' scholarships/fellowships may include payments for room/housing, board/meals, medical, stipends, thesis support, travel, cash, as well as non-required fees, books, supplies, and equipment.

Visas: This documentation is required to determine if the student's visa allows for payment.

For application of tax treaty benefits: Require IRS Form 8233 (for employment payments) or W-8BEN with a valid ITIN. Baylor University students are required to provide Foreign National information via the FNIS system or paper form found on the Payroll Office website. If no treaty benefits are available, and the student does not have a F1, J1, M1, or Q Visa, then 30% taxes will be withheld. Also, if the student does not, or will not, complete these forms, then no treaty benefits are available.

For F1, J1, M1, & Q Visas only: Tax withholding will not exceed 14%. Treaty benefits may also be available.

Sourcing Rules: Tax withholding only applies to U.S. source income. If the University is serving as the paying agent for a foreign grantor located outside of the U.S., then the University is not required to withhold tax.

IRS Form 1042-S: Baylor University will provide each year to NRA students who receive a taxable scholarship or fellowship.