



# Graduate Science Education

## Confirmation of Financial Support for Graduate Students

### Summary of Funding Policy (2022)

The purpose of funding thesis-based students is to provide financial support to individuals pursuing their studies full time and in the absence of significant professional work. Working professionals may not be eligible for stipend support from their supervisors or program funding and are encouraged to pursue the self-funding option.

#### Details:

1. The Minimum Doctoral Stipend for students enrolled full time in the PhD program is
  - For Domestic Students \$27,000 and the maximum\* amount is \$37,000 annually guaranteed for 5 years.
  - For International Students \$28,000 and the maximum amount is \$38,000 annually guaranteed for 5 years

Students who are fully funded by an external agency (such as the scholarship agency of a foreign government) to an amount equal to or greater than the Program-Set Minimum Doctoral Funding Amount may be admitted without additional funding, with approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies.

2. The Minimum Stipend for Masters students enrolled full time in an MSc program is:
  - For Domestic Students \$25,000 and the maximum amount is \$32,000 annually guaranteed for 2.5 years (30 months) of enrolment.
  - For International Students \$26,000 and the maximum amount is \$33,000 annually guaranteed for 2.5 years (30 months) of enrolment.

#### Requirement of Continuing Financial Support:

There is an expectation that supervisors will continue stipend/scholarship support after the guaranteed time frame until completion of the thesis, as long as the student maintains satisfactory progress. Funding may not be guaranteed during program extensions, and decisions to discontinue funding will be made in consultation with the supervisor committee and the graduate program director. Funding will continue during thesis revisions until submission or until the student begins a new program/employment. If the supervisor cannot continue stipend/scholarship support after the guaranteed time frame, this must be communicated to the student in writing at least 6 months in advance.

#### Eligibility for financial support:

Remain in good academic standing

- rating of 'satisfactory' on the Annual Progress Report
- Maintain an average of a B (3.00/4.00) with no grade less than a B- in any of the graduate courses taken.
- Adequate progress through program requirements including research and meeting program milestones.
- If the supervisor cannot continue stipend/scholarship support after the guaranteed time frame, this must be communicated to the student in writing at least 6 months in advance.

#### Success in external and internal scholarship competitions will affect the student's funding in the following way:

- \$0-\$3,000 – The student is allowed to keep the award up to a combined maximum of \$3,000 in addition to their base funding.
- \$3,001-\$10,000 (cumulative awards) – The award goes towards the student's base funding and the student receives a \$3,000 top-up over their base funding.
- \$10,001-15,000 (cumulative awards) – The award goes towards the student's base funding and the student receives a \$4,000 top-up over their base funding.
- Over \$15,000 (cumulative awards) – The award goes towards the student's base funding and student receives a \$5,000 top-up over their base funding, up to a maximum of \$38,000 for MSc students and \$43,000 for PhD students
- Exclusions – TOR for specific scholarships where there is mandatory contribution from the supervisor (i.e., CSM where 20K+10K or ACHRI which is 11.5K=11.5K) and Funding from a First Nations, Metis or Inuit organization (i.e., band funding or similar)

Base Funding is described as the amount of funding the student is guaranteed by the program prior to receiving the award.

Questions about the funding policy should be directed to the Program Director or the Associate Dean, Graduate Science Education.

For the complete revised GSE Funding Policy go [here](#).