

# **Graduate Science Education**

# **Confirmation of Financial Support for Graduate Students**

Admission Information						
Student Name and UCID						
Degree (M.Sc. or Ph.D.)						
Program (MDBC, MDCH, etc)						
Specialization (if applicable)						
Supervisor's Name						
Admission Term and Year						
International/ Domestic Student						
Completing this form confirms that funds are in place to support the student's research project and stipend as indicated in the <a href="CSM Guaranteed Funding Policy">CSM Guaranteed Funding Policy</a> . Should a student hold an external award in excess of the minimum requirement at the time of admission, sufficient funds must be in place to support the student's research project and the required stipend when the award terminates. The supervisor is required to cover funding for the remaining duration of the student's program at the minimum requirement if, for any reason, the funding provided by the award/scholarship/government is discontinued.						
Supervisor Stipend Funding Source Stipends/scholarships are the guaranteed funding payments provided		□ N	ЛSc	\$	/year for 2.5 yrs	
and set up from the supervisor's research grant as per the minimum		   □ P	PhD	\$	/year for 5 yrs	
program requirements.  External to UC Funding Source Includes but is not limited to grants, awards, and scholarships, not dispersed by the graduate program (e.g., SSHRCH/NSERC/CIHR/AIHS/AITF/QEII/ charitable organizations).		\$		<u>*</u>	/year	
Internal to UC Scholarships Funding Source Includes awards from the graduate program or UC competitions, such as the Graduate Awards Competition.		\$			/year	
<b>3</b> <sup>rd</sup> <b>Party Funding Source</b> Student is funded through a scholarship from their government.		□ Y	'es		□ No	
Is the student employed full-time outside of his/her graduate studies (i.e., employed more than 612 hours per year while registered as a full-time student)?		□ Y	'es		□ No	
Effective September 2022, supervisors cannot accept any new students until all of their current students are receiving the new minimum stipend or above.						
I agree to the terms outlined above and within the <u>CSM Guaranteed Funding Policy</u> :						
Supervisor's Signature			Date			
Program Director's Signature					Date	

- Please contact your Graduate Program Administrator if you have any questions.
- Supervisor needs to set up the monthly stipend payments for the student via the Awards and Project office each year.



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## **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 students 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 topup 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.