

Graduate Student Funding Template 2024-2025 – Faculty of Arts

1. MA STUDENTS

MA – Offer \$18,000/yr (effective 2022 cohort - Most common scenario is with 2 TAs for the year):

Fall 2024: \$6,984 TA = \$6,984
Winter 2025: \$6,984 TA = \$6,984
Spring 2025: \$4,032 Dept Grd Schlp

2. PHD STUDENTS – Offer \$27,130/yr or \$9,043 per term

Scenario 1: 1 TA + 1 sessional (typically for upper year doctoral students)*:

Spring 2024: \$6,984 TA + \$2,059 Dept Grd Schlp = \$9,043
Fall 2024: **\$9,266** sessional
Winter 2025: \$8,821 Dept Grd Schlp

Scenario 2: 2 TAs*:

Spring 2024: \$6,984 TA + \$2,059 Dept Grd Schlp = \$9,043
Fall 2024: \$6,984 TA + \$2,059 Dept Grd Schlp = \$9,043
Winter 2025: \$9,044 Dept Grd Schlp

*Most students get their scholarship term in the spring, but this can change depending on department needs.

3. MA OR PHD OGS OR OTHER EXTERNAL AWARDS RECIPIENT (e.g. OGS IS \$15,000 and PGS):

Scenario 1 – with TA

Spring 2024: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667
Fall 2024: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667
Winter 2025: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO + \$6,984 TA** = \$13,651

Scenario 2 – with sessional

Spring 2024: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667
Fall 2024: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667
Winter 2025: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO + **\$9,266** sessional** = \$15,933

Follow the OGS payment template for SSHRC/NSERC/CIHR/QEII-GSST recipients. Please note that external awards and PGS are processed centrally through GSPA.

****Note: OGS and tri-agency funded students MUST hold one TA as part of their Dept/Fac portion of the PGS. If they opt out of the TA, they will lose the PGS from the Faculty of Arts, which is the TA/sessional.**

Dept Coordinators must alert the Graduate Studies and Research Officer when students are holding any TA or sessional appointment.

Other important notes:

- 1) In the academic year, typically September to August, students who are not externally funded should receive two TAs/RAs + scholarship (if applicable) for two terms, while the third term should be scholarship only. If a student receives a TA/RA in the third term it will be over and above their funding.

- 2) Any **additional** TA/sessional appointments (second TA for externally funded students or third TA for regularly funded students) are considered above and beyond the funding package which the student received. Note three TAs per year are not encouraged as they may significantly slow down the student's progress in the program.
- 3) If a student declines a TA, and takes a RA, then the RA will replace the TA for that term. Should the amount of the RA not equal the amount of the TA then the student will receive the difference in scholarship up to the maximum amount payable to the student for each term. For example, an MA student would not receive more than \$6,000 or a PhD student would not receive more than \$9,043 per term. If the RA is more than the minimum amount the student will not be penalized in subsequent terms.
- 4) A student cannot decline a TA for three terms and expect that they will only receive the full scholarship payment as their funding. Students are expected to either TA or RA as part of their training as graduate students. If a student would prefer to shift their TAship to Winter and Spring, for example, instead of Fall and Winter, that is acceptable as long as the department is sure there are TA opportunities in the Spring term.
- 5) If a student does not have an average >80%, they cannot be paid from a scholarship account (all scholarship nominations require the average to be displayed and it must be >80%).