

Graduate Student Funding Template 2025-2026 – Faculty of Arts

1. MA STUDENTS

MA – Offer \$18,000/yr:

Fall 2026: \$7,299 TA = \$7,299

Winter 2027: \$7,299 TA = \$7,299

Spring 2027: \$3,402 Dept Grd Schlp

2. PHD STUDENTS – Offer \$28,351/yr or \$9,450 per term

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

Spring 2025: \$7,299 TA + \$2,151 Dept Grd Schlp = \$9,450

Fall 2025: \$9,266 sessional + \$184 Dept Grd Schlp = \$9,450

Winter 2026: \$9,451 Dept Grd Schlp

Scenario 2: 2 TAs*:

Spring 2025: \$7,299 TA + \$2,151 Dept Grd Schlp = \$9,450

Fall 2025: \$7,299 TA + \$2,151 Dept Grd Schlp = \$9,450

Winter 2026: \$9,451 Dept Grd Schlp

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

3. PHD OGS OR OTHER EXTERNAL AWARDS RECIPIENT (e.g. OGS is \$15,000 and PGS is \$5,000):

Scenario 1 – with TA

Spring 2025: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667

Fall 2025: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667

Winter 2026: \$5,000 OGS + \$1666 PGS from GSO + \$7,299 TA** = \$13,965

Scenario 2 – with sessional

Spring 2025: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667

Fall 2025: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667

Winter 2026: \$5,000 OGS + \$1666 PGS from GSO + \$9,266 sessional** = \$15,932

Follow the OGS payment template for SSHRC/NSERC/CIHR/QEII-GSST recipients. Please note that external awards and PGS are processed centrally through GSPA. There are no more PGS matches for CGSM and MA OGS students.

**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. Additionally, students can hold one TA and one RA (not exceeding 20 hours a week), but cannot have two TAs or one TA and one Sessional position during a given term.
- 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%).