

Graduate Student Funding Template 2023-2024 – 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 2023: \$6,683 TA = \$6,683

Winter 2024: \$6,683 TA = \$6,683

Spring 2024: \$4,634 Dept Grd Schlp

2. PHD STUDENTS

A. PhD students admitted prior to May 1, 2023 – Offer \$25,962/yr

- i. For the Spring 2023 term only:
PhD students will receive extra \$962 in Spring 2023 (or \$25,962/yr in 2022-2023). This is be factored in to whether they were a TA/RA/Sessional. In total, their annual funding will be \$25,962 including scholarship funds, TA/RA/Sessional assignments.
- ii. Effective Fall 2023, students will have their offer upgraded to \$26,000 (extra payable in the Spring):

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

Fall 2023: \$6,683 TA + \$1,650 Dept Grd Schlp = \$8,333

Winter 2024: \$9,266 (new rate to be updated) sessional

Spring 2024: \$8,401 Dept Grd Schlp

Scenario 2: 2 TAs:

Fall 2023: \$6,683 TA + \$1,650 Dept Grd Schlp = \$8,333

Winter 2024: \$6,683 TA + \$1,650 Dept Grd Schlp = \$8,333

Spring 2024: \$9,334 Dept Grd Schlp

B. New Domestic PhD students ONLY - Effective September 1, 2023 – Offer \$26,000/yr

For **domestic** PhD students who start September 1, 2023, the funding package would be \$8,666/term (\$26,000 annually).

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Spring 2024: \$8,401 Dept Grd Schlp

Scenario 2: 2 TAs:

Fall 2023: \$6,683 TA + \$1,983 Dept Grd Schlp = \$8,666

Winter 2024: \$6,683 TA + \$1,983 Dept Grd Schlp = \$8,666

Spring 2024: \$8,666 Dept Grd Schlp

3. MA OR PHD OGS RECIPIENT (OGS IS \$15,000 and PGS):

Scenario 1 – with TA

Fall 2023: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667

Winter 2024: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO + \$6,683 TA* = \$13,350

Spring 2024: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667

Scenario 2 – with sessional

Fall 2023: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667

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

Spring 2024: \$5,000 OGS + \$1667 PGS from GSO = \$6,667

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 \$8,666 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%). The Graduate Studies and Research Officer has left it at the department's discretion as to whether they would still like to pay graduate funding to these students. Should you wish to pay them, the Graduate Studies and Research Officer will be using an Arts Graduate Award account to process their funding, hence you have to alert them of these students on a per case basis.