

Kinesiology Funding Policy

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1. The Minimum Doctoral Stipend for students enrolled full time in the PhD program and who started their program prior to May 1, 2020 is \$18,000 for domestic students and international students post-candidacy, and \$22,000 for international students pre-candidacy, annually for four years.

For students who started their program on or after May 1, 2020, but before August 2022, the Minimum Doctoral Stipend is \$18,000 for domestic students and \$20,000 for international students, annually for four years.

For students who start their program on or after August 2022, the Minimum Doctoral Stipend is \$22,000 for domestic students and \$24,000 for international students, annually for four years. Students who are externally sponsored (i.e., admitted with documented financial support from an external agency meeting or exceeding the minimum amount) are not normally funded from university sources and are exempted from the Minimum Doctoral Stipend.

2. The Minimum Master's Stipend for students enrolled full time in the MSc program and who enrolled on or after April 1, 2023 is \$10,000 annually for the first two years of enrolment. The program recommend stipend is \$15,000 annually for two years.
3. To be eligible to receive financial support, a student must be registered full time and active in program.

Students receiving scholarship funding from their supervisor's grant must fulfil their supervisor's reasonable expectation regarding attendance and activity in the research environment.

To be eligible for scholarships/stipends paid as scholarships offered by the Kinesiology graduate program, or competitive university scholarships, a student cannot hold paid employment for more than 612 hours a year while registered as a full-time student. This includes hours worked as a GAT, GANT, or GAR.

4. All of the following count toward meeting the student's guaranteed funding amount (i.e., the amount guaranteed in the student's offer of admission):
 - Stipend/scholarship payment from supervisor's research grant
 - GAT/GANT/GAR income
 - Research assistantship income from supervisor's research grant
 - External scholarships, including SSHRC/NSERC/CIHR/AIHS/AITF/AGES
 - Internal scholarships, including from program, or university competitions such as the Graduate Awards Competition
5. Income from the following sources is *not* counted toward the student's guaranteed funding amount:
 - Income as sessional instructor
 - Program-specific awards such as the Kinesiology Presentation Award, Outstanding Presenter Award, Research Travel Award, and Kinesiology Leadership Scholarship
6. Students are required to apply for external scholarships for which they are eligible

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

For scholarship value of:

- \$0-\$3000 – The student is allowed to keep the award up to a combined maximum of \$3000 in addition to their base funding.
- \$3001-\$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 the student receives a \$5,000 top-up over their base funding. The top up only needs to be to a maximum of \$25,000 for MSc students and \$27,000 for PhD students, although supervisors are welcome to provide top-ups beyond this.
- Exclusions – TOR for specific scholarship where there is mandatory contribution from the supervisor (i.e., ACHRI which is 11.5K+11.5K) and Indigenous Government Funding.

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

Please see the appendix for examples.

8. Students are responsible for paying tuition and fees annually.
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/gs-fees-expenses.html>. Students with funding from university sources can apply for a payment plan.
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-fees/graduate-student-payment-plan>

Appendix: Examples of Funding Packages

Student A is admitted with guaranteed funding of \$22,000 per year. This funding is provided by the supervisor and involves RA work.

Student A receives an \$11,000 AGES MSc award. This means their new minimum required funding is \$26,000 (\$22,000+\$4,000 top up). The supervisor now must provide a minimum of \$15,000 in funding.

For Student A, the supervisor chooses to continue providing \$22,000 per year due to the RA work requirements. Student A's new funding for the year is \$33,000.

Student B is admitted with guaranteed funding of \$25,000 per year. This funding is provided by the supervisor.

Student B receives an NSERC PGS-D of \$35,000 per year. This award exceeds the maximum required top up level of \$27,000 for PhD students, so the supervisor is not required to provide a top up to this award. The supervisor chooses not to provide a top up and the student's funding for the year is now \$35,000.

Student C is admitted with guaranteed funding of \$15,000 per year (MSc student). This funding is provided by the supervisor.

Student C receives (1) a GAT (\$8,900), (2) a \$3,000 research support award, and (3) a \$2000 Kinesiology Presentation Award.

1. GAT funding can count towards a student's guaranteed funding (Section 4). In Student C's case, their specific funding offer clarified that GAT funding was on top of their minimum guaranteed funding. Thus, the supervisor must continue providing \$15,000/yr on top of the GAT.
 - a. The Graduate Coordinator confirms and provides this information with each funding offer.
2. Students are allowed to keep a combined total of \$3,000 or less in addition to their base funding. Thus, the supervisor must continue providing \$15,000/yr on top of this award.
3. Program specific awards such as the Kinesiology Presentation Award do not count towards a student's guaranteed funding (Section 5). Thus, the supervisor must continue providing \$15,000/yr on top of this award.