

## **Faculty of Kinesiology Graduate Funding Policy**

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### **1. Minimum base funding stipends:**

Base funding is the amount of funding the student is guaranteed at the time of admission to receive throughout their guaranteed funding period if they maintain eligibility.

#### **1.1. Doctoral:**

1.1.1. The minimum doctoral stipend for students who started their program on or after May 1, 2020, but before August 2022 is \$18,000 for domestic students and \$20,000 for international students, annually for four years.

1.1.2. For students who started their program on or after August 2022, but before May 2025, the minimum doctoral stipend is \$22,000 for domestic students and \$24,000 for international students, annually for four years.

1.1.3. For students who start their program on or after May 1, 2025 the minimum doctoral stipend is \$30,000, annually for four years.

#### **1.2. MSc:**

1.2.1. The minimum master's stipend for students enrolled full time in the MSc program and who enrolled on or after April 1, 2023, but before May 2025, is \$10,000 annually for the first two years of enrolment. The program recommended stipend is \$15,000 annually for two years.

1.2.2. The minimum master's stipend for students enrolled full time in the MSc program and who enrolled on or after May 1, 2025 is \$24,000 annually for the first two years of enrolment.

1.3. Exemptions: 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 stipend.

### **2. Student Eligibility:**

2.1. To be eligible to receive financial support, a student must be registered full time and active in program, and be in good academic standing.

2.2. Continuation of funding is contingent on maintaining adequate progress through the program as indicated by a rating of "satisfactory" on the Annual Progress Report and average of 3.00/4.00 GPA with no grade below a B- in any courses taken as part of the program. Decisions to discontinue funding prior to the guaranteed timelines in such cases must be approved by the Associate Dean Graduate after consultation with the student, supervisor, and supervisory committee.

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

2.4. When Graduate Assistant Teaching (GAT) or Graduate Assistant Non-Teaching (GANT) funding is part of a student's base funding package, students must be available to fulfil the conditions of those positions. If students are not available or decline a GAT or GANT position, the amount of the GAT/GANT refused may be deducted from the base funding offered to the student for that academic year. Reduction of funding in such cases must be approved by the Associate Dean, Graduate in the Faculty of Kinesiology.

- 2.5. 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.
3. All of the following count toward meeting the student's base funding:
- Stipend/scholarship payment from supervisor's research grant
  - Graduate Assistantships Teaching (GAT), Graduate Assistantships non-Teaching (GANT) and Graduate Assistantships Research (GAR) income
  - Research assistantship income from supervisor's research grant
  - External scholarships, including SSHRC/NSERC/CIHR/AIHS/AITF/AGES, etc.
  - Internal scholarships, including from program or university competitions such as the Graduate Awards Competition
4. Income from the following sources is *not* counted toward the student's guaranteed funding amount:
- Income as sessional instructor
  - Kinesiology Presentation Awards
5. Students are required to apply for external scholarships for which they are eligible
6. Success in external and internal scholarship competitions (i.e., scholarships that are not part of a student's base funding offer at the time of admission) 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.
- Top-ups only need to be to a maximum total funding of \$29,000 for MSc students and \$35,000 for PhD students, although supervisors are welcome to provide top-ups beyond this.
- Exclusions – Terms of Reference for specific scholarship where there is mandatory contribution from the supervisor that exceeds this top up formula and Indigenous Government Funding.
- Please see the appendix for examples.
7. 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>
8. This funding policy will be reviewed at minimum every three years.

## Appendix: Examples of Funding Packages

Student A is admitted to the MSc program with guaranteed base funding of \$24,000 per year. This funding is provided by the supervisor and involves research assistant work.

Student A receives an \$11,000 AGES MSc award. This means their new minimum required funding is \$28,000 (\$24,000 base +\$4,000 top-up). The supervisor now must provide a minimum of \$17,000 in funding.

The supervisor chooses to continue providing \$24,000 per year. Student A's new funding for the year is \$33,000.

Student B is admitted to the PhD program with guaranteed base funding of \$30,000 per year. This funding is provided by the supervisor.

Student B receives an external award of \$36,000 per year. This award exceeds the maximum required top up level of \$35,000 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 \$36,000.

Student C is admitted to the MSc program with guaranteed base funding of \$24,000 per year. This funding is provided by a combination of GAT funding, scholarship from the program, and funding from the supervisor.

Student C receives (1) a \$3,000 external scholarship, and (2) a \$1200 Kinesiology Presentation Award.

1. Students are allowed to keep a combined total of \$3,000 or less in addition to their base funding. Thus, the base funding continues unchanged and the student's funding for the year is now \$27,000.
2. Kinesiology Presentation Awards do not count towards a student's guaranteed funding. Thus, the base funding continues unchanged.