



Faculty of Nursing - Graduate Programs Funding Policy

1. The minimum guaranteed funding for domestic doctoral students enrolled full time in the PhD program is \$18,000 annually for four years (starting Fall 2019). For International doctoral students, the minimum guaranteed funding is \$22,000 for the first two years, and \$18,000 annually for years three and four.

Students who are externally sponsored (i.e. with documented financial support from an external agency meeting minimum amount for four years) are not normally funded from university sources, and are thus exempted from the minimum guaranteed funding.

2. To be eligible to receive financial support, a thesis-based student must be registered fulltime and active in program:
 - Students receiving funding from their supervisor's grant must be available to fulfil their supervisor's reasonable expectations regarding attendance and activity in the research environment.
 - Employment income as a teaching assistant or sessional instructor is included in the guaranteed funding amount offered to students. Students must be available to take this employment as a GAT or GANT or sessional instructor; otherwise, the amount of the GAT or GANT or sessional contract refused will be deducted from the annual funding offered to the student for that academic year.
 - To be eligible for scholarships/stipends paid as scholarships offered by the Faculty of Nursing, 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 regulation includes hours worked as a GAT or GANT.
3. All of the following sources of funding count toward meeting a student's guaranteed funding amount (i.e. the amount guaranteed in the student's offer of admission):
 - GAT/GANT income administered by Graduate Program in Nursing
 - Sessional instructor income administered in the Faculty of Nursing
 - External scholarships, including but not limited to SSHRC/CIHR/QEII
 - Internal scholarships, including from program, or university competitions, such as the Graduate Awards Competition, and so on.



4. Income from the following sources is **not** counted toward a student's guaranteed funding amount:
 - Research assistantship income from supervisor's research grant
 - Stipend/scholarship payment from supervisor's research grant
5. Students are encouraged to apply for Tri-Council scholarships for which they are eligible in first and second year.
6. Success in external and internal scholarship competitions will affect the student's funding in the following way:
 - a) For awards of \$5000 or less, funding as set out in the letter of admission will not be reduced
 - b) For awards of over \$5000, funding as set out in the funding letter may be reduced, so that the student's total funding for the year will be the greater of:
 - a) Guaranteed funding plus \$5000, or
 - b) amount of external award
7. Students are responsible for paying tuition and fees annually._
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/gs-fees-expenses.html>.
8. Students with funding from university sources can apply for a payment plan._
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-fees/graduate-student-payment-plan>