



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 2021). For International doctoral students enrolled full time, the minimum guaranteed funding is \$22,000 annually for four years.

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 receipt of the minimum guaranteed funding.

2. To be eligible to receive financial support, a PhD student must be registered fulltime and be making satisfactory progress in the 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 is included in the guaranteed funding amount offered to students. If offered, students must be available to take a required full GAT or GANT role per academic year; otherwise, the amount of the GAT or GANT 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, a student cannot hold more than 0.5 FTE paid employment while registered as a full-time student. This regulation includes hours worked as a GAT or GANT.
3. Supervisors who hold research grants are expected to make a partial or full contribution to the minimum guaranteed funding. The amount will be negotiated with the Associate Dean Graduate Programs.
4. 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
 - External scholarships, including but not limited to SSHRC & CIHR
 - Internal scholarships, including from program, or university competitions, such as the Graduate Awards Competition, and so on
 - Stipend/scholarship payment from supervisor's research grant



5. Research assistantship income from supervisor's research grant is **not** counted toward a students' guaranteed funding, but is subject to employment standard listed in #2 above.
6. Students are expected to apply for Tri-Council or other relevant provincial or national external scholarships for which they are eligible in first or second year. Should they not apply for these scholarships, their funding may be reduced by half (i.e., \$9,000 for domestic and \$11,000 for international students).
7. Success in external and internal scholarship competitions will affect the student's funding in the following ways:
 - a) For cumulative awards of \$5,000 or less, funding as set out in the letter of admission will not be reduced
 - b) For cumulative awards of over \$5,000, 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:
 - i. Guaranteed funding plus \$5,000, or
 - ii. Amount of external award
8. Students are responsible for paying tuition and fees annually._
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/gs-fees-expenses.html>.
9. Students with funding from university sources can apply for a payment plan._
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-fees/graduate-student-payment-plan>