



Faculty of Nursing - Graduate Programs Funding Policy

The purpose of funding PhD students is to provide financial support to individuals pursuing their studies full time and in the absence of significant professional work. Working professionals may not be eligible for stipend support from their supervisors or program funding and are encouraged to pursue the self-funding option.

1. The minimum guaranteed funding for domestic students who enrolled in the PhD program full time between August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2022 is \$18,000 annually for four years. For those enrolled on or after August 1, 2022, the minimum guaranteed funding is \$22,000 annually for four years. For international PhD students who enrolled in the PhD program full time between August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2022, the minimum guaranteed funding is \$22,000 annually for four years. For those enrolled on or after August 1, 2022, the minimum guaranteed funding is \$24,000 annually for four years.
2. The financial support identified above and its continuation are contingent on the student making adequate progress through the program, as indicated by a rating of 'satisfactory' on the Annual Progress Report and an average of a B (3.00/4.00) with no grade less than a B- in any of the graduate courses taken.
3. Students who are externally sponsored (i.e., with documented financial support from an external agency meeting or exceeding the minimum amount for four years) are not normally funded from university sources and are thus exempted from receipt of the minimum guaranteed funding.
4. To be eligible to receive financial support, a PhD student must be registered full time and be making satisfactory progress in their 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.
 - All students are expected to accept a 0.5 graduate assistantship per academic year. Employment income as a graduate assistant (teaching) or graduate assistant (non-teaching) is included in the guaranteed minimum 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.



5. Supervisors who hold research grants are expected to make a partial or full contribution to the minimum guaranteed funding. The amount may be negotiated with the Associate Dean Graduate Programs. Supervisors must include this information in the letter of support that they provide at the time that the student applies.
6. The following sources of funding will normally 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 the Graduate Program in Nursing
 - GAR income supported by any Faculty member in Nursing
 - External scholarships/fellowships, including but not limited to SSHRC and CIHR
 - Internal scholarships, including from program or university competitions, such as the Graduate Awards Competition, etc.
 - Stipend payment from the supervisor
7. Students are expected to apply for Tri-Council or other relevant provincial or national external scholarships/fellowships for which they are eligible in their first or second year. Should they not apply for these scholarships, their funding may be reduced by half (e.g., \$11,000 for domestic and \$12,000 for international students).
8. 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 funding letter 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
9. Students are responsible for paying tuition and fees annually._
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/p-1-2.html>
10. Students with funding from university sources can apply for a payment plan._
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-and-fees/payment-plan>