



Faculty of Nursing - Graduate Programs Funding Guidelines

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The purpose of funding graduate students is to provide financial support to individuals pursuing full-time graduate studies in the absence of significant professional work.

Eligibility criteria

All Master of Nursing thesis-based students (MNTB) and PhD students will be asked in their program applications if they intend to engage in significant professional work during their graduate studies. To be eligible for the minimum guaranteed funding, a graduate student must:

- Be registered full time in the MNTB or PhD program without engaging in significant professional work during their studies, and
- Be making satisfactory progress in their 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.

Working professionals, Master of Nursing Course Based students, and Doctor of Nursing (DN) students are not normally eligible for funding support and are encouraged to pursue self-funding options. Students who are externally sponsored (i.e., with documented financial support from an external agency) are not normally funded from university sources and are thus exempted from receipt of the minimum guaranteed funding.

Minimum guaranteed funding

		Minimum guaranteed funding by year of admission		
		2019-2021	2022-2023	2024-onwards
Domestic	MNTB	N/A	N/A	\$10,000/year x 2 years
	PhD	\$18,000/year x 4 years	\$22,000/year x 4 years	\$22,000/year x 4 years
International	MNTB	N/A	N/A	\$10,000/year x 2 years
	PhD	\$22,000/year x 4 years	\$24,000/year x 4 years	\$24,000/year x 4 years

MINIMUM GUARANTEED FUNDING SOURCES

The following sources of funding will normally count toward meeting a student's guaranteed funding amount as identified in the student's individualized offer of admission:

1. Graduate Assistantships (Research) or stipend payments from the supervisor,
2. External scholarships/fellowships, including but not limited to SSHRC and CIHR and internal awards including Entrance Awards, Graduate Awards Competitions, and Program Recommended Awards,
3. Graduate Assistantships (Teaching and Non-Teaching) administered by the Nursing Graduate Program,



Supervisor's Contribution to Funding

Supervisors who hold research grants are expected to make a partial or full contribution to the minimum guaranteed funding in the form Graduate Assistantship (Research) (GAR) or stipends. The amount and hours 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. Students receiving funding from their supervisor must be available to fulfil their supervisor's reasonable expectations regarding attendance and activity in the research environment.

External and internal scholarships and awards

All graduate students are expected to apply for Tri-Council or other relevant provincial or national external scholarships/fellowships for which they are eligible during each year they are eligible. Students are also expected to apply to the yearly Graduate Awards Competition and Program Recommended Award Competition. Should funded students not apply for these scholarships, their guaranteed minimum funding may be reduced by half.

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

- For cumulative awards of \$5,000 or less, funding as set out in funding letter will not be reduced.
- 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:
 - Guaranteed funding plus \$5,000, or
 - Amount of external award

Graduate Assistantships (Teaching and Non-Teaching)

All funded graduate students are expected to accept a 0.5 graduate assistantship per academic year. Employment income as a graduate assistant (teaching) (GAT) or graduate assistant (non-teaching) (GANT) is included in the guaranteed minimum funding amount. If offered, students must be available to take a GAT or GANT role per academic year; otherwise, the Associate Dean Graduate Studies may deduct the amount of the GAT or GANT refused from the annual funding offered to the student for that academic year.

Students are responsible for paying tuition and fees annually.

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/p-1-2.html>

Students with funding from university sources can apply for a payment plan

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-and-fees/payment-plan>