



**Graduate Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Graduate Student Financial Support Policy for 2023-2024**

In accordance with the Graduate Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences financial support policy, **Full-time** MSc and PhD students receive departmental financial support. Part-time/Flex-time students and MScPhm students do not receive funding and are not eligible for this support.

The financial support may be from a variety of sources, including external scholarships, University of Toronto Fellowship, Departmental Awards, Research Assistant positions and/or Teaching Assistant positions.

All MSc and PhD students at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy are expected to apply for internal and external awards and scholarships for which they are eligible. Students can apply for these awards in the year preceding their expected entrance into the graduate program and should continue to apply during each year of their program.

**1. Funding Terms**

In general, provided that a student remains “in good standing” and is within the timeframe noted below based on their degree program and mode of entry, students will receive a stipend for the following lengths of time, as more fully outlined and confirmed in funding packages provided to students:

- MSc students: 2 years
- PhD students admitted with completed master's degree: 4 years
- Transfer students (i.e., transfer from MSc to PhD): 5 years
- Direct-entry PhD students admitted with a bachelor's degree: 5 years

The stipend level for students who transfer to the PhD program during the academic year will be adjusted to reflect the PhD level. The increase will be covered by the supervisor after accounting for the difference in the prorated departmental support for the change in status.

If a part-time student transfers to full-time, funding must correlate to the information on student information system. For example, if a part-time MSc transfers to full-time in year 2, they will only be eligible for full-time funding support in year 2.

Funding beyond the above-mentioned time periods is not guaranteed but is at the discretion of the supervisor and the Department.

**2. Minimum Base Funding**

2023-2024 Graduate Student Base Funding for MSc and PhD					
	Domestic			International	
	MSc (Fall 2023 admit)	MSc (Fall 2022 admit)	PhD	MSc	PhD
Living Allowance	\$ 25,359.56	\$ 25,359.56	\$ 28,122.33	\$ 25,359.56	\$ 28,122.33
Tuition Support	\$ 8,393.96	\$ 8,213.96	\$ 8,213.96	\$ 30,903.96	\$ 8,213.96
UHIP Support	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 756.00	\$ 756.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 33,753.52</b>	<b>\$ 33,573.52</b>	<b>\$ 36,336.29</b>	<b>\$ 57,019.52</b>	<b>\$ 37,092.29</b>



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*Note:*

- These are the minimum stipend amounts, the actual stipend that a student receives is at the discretion of the student’s thesis supervisor.
- Effective Fall 2018, international PhD students are subject to the same tuition fees as domestic PhD students.
- Tuition Support is provided to subsidize: Mandatory and Selectable Incidental, System Access & Ancillary Fees, and UHIP for international tuition are included.

The above funding levels are reviewed each year. However, there is no guarantee that base funding will increase from year to year.

### 3. Top-Up Awards

A student who receives \$10,000 or more, as a **major, competitive, merit-based, external** award that requires an application, will be provided with an additional \$3,000 top-up in recognition of receiving an external award. In such cases, the student will be paid the amount of his/her award plus the difference between his/her award and the minimum stipend plus a \$3,000 top-up.

Awards eligible for top-up must be major, competitive, and not restricted to a limited group of students, such as those at a hospital-based research institute. They may, however, be restricted by topic area. Eligible awards include, but are not limited to: CIHR, NSERC, OGS, Canadian Cancer Society, Heart & Stroke Foundation, Diabetes Canada, and other national and international funding agencies. Additional awards that meet these criteria may also be eligible for top up.

The top-up amounts are as follows:

Award Type	Top-Up
Internal Awards (e.g., departmental awards)	80% of the total amount of award goes towards the base funding and 20% goes to the top-up over their base funding.
External Awards with the amount of \$10,000 and up	Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a \$3,000 top-up over their base funding.

*Note:*

- The top-up award from the department is added above the base funding amount, payable every September.
- Payment of top-ups will occur annually for the duration of the award. Thereafter, the student will no longer receive the top-up amount.
- Top-up eligibility excludes University of Toronto Fellowship, Doctoral Completion Awards, travel awards, and bursaries.
- If a student receives award(s) exceeding the amount equivalent to the base stipend + top up, they will not be eligible to receive a top up for these award(s).

### 4. Departmental support as a component of Graduate Student Base Funding for MSc and PhD

Effective 2023-2024, departmental support as a component of graduate student base funding will be \$9,500 for domestic MSc students and \$13,000 for domestic PhD students annually. This is an increase from \$9,000 and \$12,500 respectively from the 2022-2023 academic year. Starting in 2022-2023, there was no departmental support for new international PhD students while support for existing international PhD students remained (established by the Graduate Program Committee in May 2021). This restriction will remain in place until the departmental international student registration is re-aligned with the number of university-supported spaces allotted.

Starting in 2019, this departmental support was provided to those who received external awards, at a prorated



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amount up to the minimum guaranteed base funding. This support should not exceed the amount of \$9,500 for MSc students and \$13,000 for PhD students including the top-up award as outlined above.

Departmental support comes from the University of Toronto Fellowship (supported by Faculty operating funds) and Ben Cohen Bursary. These are non-competitive supports and are not eligible for top-up. *Students are **not** permitted to list the University of Toronto Fellowship or the Ben Cohen Bursary on their CV since these are non-competitive departmental funds.*

### 5. Bursaries

Non-repayable grants, such as the UTAPS and SGS Emergency Grant, which assists students with sudden and/or unexpected financial need, are **not** part of the base funding outlined above. A student under these circumstances is therefore eligible to retain the entire amount of such award.

### 6. Tuition Payment

For those who are eligible for Departmental Support or Departmental Awards, the funds will first be used to offset the tuition to avoid service charges being incurred. Students are responsible for payment of their tuition and all other student-related accounts owing.