



**Graduate Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Graduate Student Financial Support Policy for 2024-2025**

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.

1. Total Base Funding 2024-2025

2024-2025 Graduate Student Base Funding for MSc and PhD Students					
	Domestic			International	
	MSc (Fall 2024 admit)	MSc (Fall 2023 admit)	PhD	MSc	PhD
Living Allowance	\$ 27,359.56	\$ 27,359.56	\$ 30,122.33	\$ 27,359.56	\$ 30,122.33
Tuition Support	\$ 9,001.53	\$ 8,841.53	\$ 8,351.53	\$ 32,491.53	\$ 8,351.53
UHIP	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 756.00	\$ 756.00
TOTAL	\$ 36,361.09	\$ 36,201.09	\$ 38,473.86	\$ 60,607.09	\$ 39,229.86

Note:

- These are the minimum stipend amounts, the actual stipend that a student receives is at the discretion of the student's thesis supervisor.
- Tuition Support is provided to subsidize: Mandatory and Selectable Incidental, System Access & Ancillary Fees, and UHIP for international tuition are included.

2. Top-Up Practices

All awards that require student applications are eligible for a top-up in recognition of receiving an external award.

The top-up amounts are as follows:

Award Amount	Top-Up
Internal Awards or Awards under \$10,000 (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 Award with a value of \$10,000	Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a \$2,000 top-up over their base funding.
External Award with a value of \$15,000	Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a \$3,000 top-up over their base funding.
External Award with a value of \$17,500	Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a \$3,500 top-up over their base funding.
External Award with a value of \$20,000	Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a \$4,000 top-up over their base funding.
External Award with a value of \$25,000	Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a \$5,000 top-up over their base funding.
External Award with a value of \$30,000	Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a \$5,000 top-up over their base funding.
External Awards with a value of \$35,000	Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a \$5,000 top-up over their base funding.



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Note:

- Within an academic year (or 12 months period), the total cumulative top-up maximum is \$5,000. That is, if a student holds an award of \$10,000 and another award of \$20,000, their total top-up is \$5,000.
- Payment of top-ups will occur annually for the duration of the award. Thereafter, the student will no longer receive the top-up amount.
- A student, who receives award(s) exceeding the amount equivalent to the base funding and maximum top-up of \$5,000, they will not be eligible to receive a top-up for these award(s).
- Top-up eligibility excludes University of Toronto Fellowship, Doctoral Completion Awards, travel awards, and bursaries.

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

Starting in 2019, the departmental support portion was provided to those who received external awards, at a prorated 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.*

4. Bursaries

Non-repayable grants, such as the UTAPS and SGS Emergency Grant, which assist 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.

5. 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.

6. Funding Terms

In general, provided that a student remain “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:

- a) MSc students are guaranteed base funding for their first 2 years.
- b) PhD students admitted with completed master's degree are guaranteed base funding for a minimum of 4 years.
- c) Transfer students (i.e., transfer from MSc to PhD students) are guaranteed minimum base funding for their first 5 years, which includes 1 year as an MSc student.
- d) Direct-entry PhD students admitted with a bachelor's degree are guaranteed base funding for a minimum of 5 years.

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.



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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.

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

7. Annual Review

The Graduate Program Committee will meet at least annually to discuss this Policy and make any adjustments necessary for implementation effective the following academic year.