

University Financial Support for Graduate Students

A graduate student may be provided with financial support from a combination of several different sources that may entail different expectations.

Acadia Graduate Scholarship (AGS) – An AGS does not require students to do any work in return (other than maintaining a satisfactory standard, which is a grade of at least B in all courses taken at the University as part of the master's program). Departments and schools must demonstrate that all eligible applicants were considered and provide the basis for awarding it to the successful applicants.

Acadia Graduate Teaching Assistantship (AGTA) – An AGTA is payment in return for assistance in the delivery of our undergraduate programs. Students receiving these awards will be expected to work up to 12 hours a week or a maximum of 144 hours per semester, for which they will be paid a minimum of \$15.00/hr plus 12% benefits. The specific duties will vary among departments/schools. Students are not permitted to teach regularly scheduled university courses (this does not include labs). The occasional lecture may be given; however, this will be under the supervision of the faculty member responsible for the course. Anything on a more regular basis, such as replacing a member of faculty on sick leave, etc., must be approved by the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies and the appropriate Faculty Dean. Students must maintain a satisfactory academic standard, i.e., a grade of at least B- in all courses taken at the university as part of the master's program. These funds are subject to mandatory deductions. Students will receive a T4 slip for their earnings.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Recipients of an AGS/AGTA must be full-time students.

Faculty Research Award (FRA) – The FRA is provided by a faculty member from their contractual research (Tri-Council funds cannot be used). The faculty member may also have to demonstrate that others were considered or could apply, and that it be created as a type of scholarship with an open competition. No work is involved for the award.

Research Assistantship (RA) – This is payment from research funds belonging to a faculty member in support of your thesis or other work of interest to your supervisor's research program. Expectations will vary. Tasks may include (but not limited to) reviewing research papers, looking up references, summarizing related research, carrying out experiments, or developing software. These funds are subject to mandatory deductions. Students will receive a T4 slip for their earnings.

***Note:** Not all graduate students are provided with funding.

****Note:** An Acadia Graduate Scholarship (AGS) can only be held in combination with an Acadia Graduate Teaching Assistantship (AGTA).

Most graduate applicants, who apply by February 1st with a GPA of 3.0 in each of the last 2 years of undergraduate study, will be automatically considered for an Acadia Graduate Scholarship (AGS). Most graduate applicants, who apply by February 1st with a GPA of 2.67 in each of the last 2 years of undergraduate study, will be automatically considered for an Acadia Graduate Teaching Assistantship (AGTA). December 1st is the deadline for applicants to the MEd (Counselling) program. December 15th is the deadline for applicants to the MSc in Psychology program. May 1st is the deadline for applicants to the MEd in LEAD, INCL, and GCS programs who have chosen a Fall/Winter start date.