

Policy for minimum funding of graduate students in SITE

Effective September 2007

1. Canadians and permanent residents with an admission GPA above 8.0

All full-time students in this category will receive an FGPS admission scholarship.

Masters: Funding for two full years, as long as the student is registered full time.

Each year: Soft-funded research bursary or scholarship consisting of \$500 lump sum at the beginning of the year, and \$1075/month (\$12900 per year), provided by the supervisor. A matching lump sum of \$500 is provided by FGPS, as well as \$1000/year; these amounts will be advanced by SITE. Thus, total annual funding is \$14900 plus tuition.

Ph.D.: Funding for four full years, as long as the student is registered full time.

Each year: Soft-funded research bursary or scholarship consisting of \$1250 lump sum at the beginning of the year, and \$1100/month (\$13200/year), provided by the supervisor. FGPS provides a matching lump sum of \$1250, as well as \$2000/year; these amounts will be advanced by SITE. Thus, total annual funding is \$17700 plus tuition.

2. Canadians and permanent residents who have not received an FGPS admission scholarship, having an admission GPA of 7.5/10 or more

Masters: Funding for 20 months, as long as the student is registered full time.

Each year: Soft-funded research bursary of \$625/month (\$7500 per year).

Ph.D.: Funding for four full years, as long as the student is registered full time.

Each year: Soft-funded research bursary of \$750/month (\$9000/year).

3. Canadians and permanent residents who have not received an FGPS admission scholarship, having a GPA of less than 7.5/10.

No minimum funding is guaranteed. A soft-funded research bursary is provided at the supervisor's discretion.

4. VISA students with an FGPS admission scholarship

Masters: Funding for two full years, as long as the student is registered full time.

Each year: Soft-funded research bursary of \$1150/month (\$13800 per year).

Ph.D.: Funding for four full years, as long as the student is registered full time.

Each year: Soft-funded research bursary of \$1300/month (\$15600/year).

5. VISA students who have not received an FGPS admission scholarship

No minimum funding is guaranteed. A soft-funded research bursary is provided at the supervisor's discretion.

Note that in all cases, renewal of soft-funded research bursaries is subject to satisfactory progress, as formally recorded in the annual progress report of the graduate student, as well as to continuing availability of funds.

The above amounts do not apply to holders of major external scholarships such as NSERC and OGS, or equivalent. However, when such a scholarship ends, the FGPS admission scholarship and minimum funding described in section 1 will be applied for the remainder of the two-year period for a Master's and of the four-year period for the Ph.D. (if any time remains). It is understood that all students who are eligible are expected to apply for NSERC and OGS scholarships when they are receiving soft-funded research bursaries.

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