

PhD Program Funding Policies

Students entering our PhD program are typically offered a minimum of \$20,000 in funding per year, for the first three years of the program. This amount will come from a combination of scholarships/fellowships, awards, and graduate/research assistantship (GA/RA) positions. The yearly funding will be paid over three academic terms and is conditional upon registration and Clear Academic Standing (no failed grades) in the program. If a student fails to abide by the individual terms and conditions associated with the various sources of funding the minimum funding of \$20,000 may be reduced accordingly.

Toronto Metropolitan Graduate Fellowship (TMGF), Graduate Development Award (GDA)

Renewal of the TMGF/GDA is contingent on the terms and conditions listed in the “Terms and Conditions – Scholarships/Fellowships/Awards” document **AND** on Clear Academic Standing. Students who do not have Clear Academic Standing may not be eligible for renewal.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (GA)

All students entering the PhD program will be offered a GA in the Fall and Winter terms of their first year. The offer of a GA will be renewed in subsequent years based on student performance and evaluation as a GA.

Students entering the 4th year of the program are eligible for a GA provided they have submitted their Dissertation Proposal by the end of their third year of study.

Summer Research Assistant (RA)

Students in the PhD program are eligible for a Summer Research Assistantship (RA) in the amount of \$3000, if they meet the following criteria:

- All PhD students in the first year are eligible
- Second year PhD students must complete the course requirement of the program by the end of their second Winter term (total 5 continuous terms)
- Third year PhD students must have completed all course requirements AND presented a paper before the end of their third Winter term (8 terms), in the Brown Bag Seminar
- Fourth year and above PhD students must have completed all course requirements AND presented a paper before the end of their third Winter term (8 terms), in the Brown Bag Seminar AND submitted their completed Dissertation Proposal (submitted by the end of the third year of study).