

2008-09
FULL FUNDING POLICY FOR PHD STUDENTS
IN PUBLIC HEALTH SCIENCES

The minimum support for students in the *funded cohort* is \$13,000 plus tuition (i.e. a minimum of \$20,000 for domestic students and \$28,000 for international students) in 2008-09.

Basic Definitions:

▪ **Funded Cohort:**

The funded cohort includes all full-time students, both domestic and international, in years 1-5 of a PhD program, in good academic standing.

Note: flex-time students, medical residents and faculty on sabbatical are automatically excluded from the funded cohort. However, they may be eligible for some awards from granting agencies.

▪ **Student Support:**

Student Support can come from *any one or a combination* of the following sources:

- Awards from external agencies such as SSHRC, NSERC, OGS, CIHR, etc.
- Internal awards such as UTO, OGSST, Connaught, some OSOTFs
- Government, International Agency and other awards for the express purpose of education.
- Stipends from supervisors and training grants to support the program (T4A income)
- Employer sponsorship

The following *are not considered sources of student support in the Faculty of Medicine:*

- Teaching Assistantships
- Research jobs not related to the student's educational program
- Casual jobs in the university
- Casual jobs outside of the university.

Conditions of Funding:

1. In order to be eligible for funding students and their supervisors must complete an annual *Student – Supervisor Agreement* and a separate annual Progress Review every September and confirm “satisfactory academic progress”.

2. **Supervisors** are strongly encouraged to provide support for eligible PhD students through training grants and stipends to support their academic program (T4A income). If the supervisor can only provide partial funding, the department will augment the supervisor's stipend to the full amount of the required minimum of \$20,000, using available University of Toronto Open Fellowship funds.
3. **All students** are required to apply for awards from external granting agencies. Many students are successful in receiving an external award by their second or third year.
4. All students who receive a competitive award equal to or greater than \$15,000 will also receive a "**bonus**" of up to \$2,000 to a maximum of \$25,000 for all sources of support. (Note: The department will not provide any additional funds if the sum of external awards and supervisor support is equal to or greater than \$25,000).
5. Students who receive a competitive award (i.e. OGS) less than \$20,000, and no other support will receive a "**top-up**" to achieve a total of \$20,000 from the departmental University of Toronto Open funds, plus the \$2,000 bonus.
6. Students who do not hold external awards, nor supervisor support will receive \$20,000 per academic year from the departmental University of Toronto Open funds.
7. Students whose funding sources change throughout the year are required to provide the department with supporting documentation and a revised Student-Supervisor Agreement. In addition, the students may be required to return or decline funds in order to comply with the policies of the funding sources and/or the department. The net result will be an equal or a greater amount of student support.
8. International students are strongly encouraged to apply for support from external agencies and/or their home government. Admitted international students who do not have external and/or supervisor support will receive \$28,000 per year from the departmental University of Toronto Open funds.

Student Progress Review and Student-Supervisor Agreement

The department is required to monitor and keep accurate records of the student's academic progress and funding arrangements. Personalized reports are sent to each student during the summer. The student and supervisor are required to meet, to review, and update and sign both documents.

- Progress Review
- Student-Supervisor Agreement