



Faculty of Medicine Harmonized Base Funding Agreement for 2019-2020

The following constitutes the Agreement reached by the Chairs of Departments of Biochemistry, Immunology, Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology, Medical Biophysics, Molecular Genetics, Nutritional Sciences, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Physiology, the Institute of Medical Science and the Vice-Dean, Graduate and Academic Affairs at the Faculty of Medicine.

This agreement excludes graduate students who receive funding over and above the base funding when registered in the Physician Scientist Training Programs (i.e., MD/PhD and CIP) and MD Research Fellowship Training program.

1. Total Base Funding

The student living allowance is increased by 5.0% in 2019-2020*

2019-2020 Student Base Funding for doctoral-stream Masters and PhD Domestic		International		
MSc	PhD		MSc	PhD
19,566.75	21,741.30	Living Allowance	19,566.75	21,741.30
7,850.90	7,850.90	2019-20 Tuition Fees	25,410.90	7,850.90
NA	NA	UHIP	636.00	636.00
27,417.65	29,592.20	Total (Base Funding)	45,613.65	30,228.20

*Effective Fall 2018, International PhD students are subject to the same tuition fees as domestic PhD students.

**2019-2020 Tuition Fees include , Mandatory and Selectable Incidental, System Access & Ancillary Fees, and UHIP for international tuition are included .

* Note: For the 2019-2020 Agreement, it was agreed to provide a 5% increase in living allowance stipend to support MSc and PhD students. The increase is higher than that requested by the Faculty of Medicine Graduate Representation Committee (GRC) for PhD students and double the Ontario CPI average rate of 2.5% over the first 8 months of 2018 to defray the increasing cost of living in Toronto.

2. Merit-based Entrance Scholarships (MES)

Merit-based Entrance Scholarships, valued at no more than \$2,000 each, can be offered to up to 20% (based on previous year's enrollment) of the most highly rated applicants as determined by the participating graduate units. A student who receives such an Entrance Scholarship, approved by the Graduate Unit offering admissions, will be eligible to retain the full amount over and above his/her base funding . No other "admissions" or "recruitment" incentive scholarships may be offered by individual graduate units. Doing so would be considered a violation of the Harmonized Base Funding Agreement.



3. **Top-Up Practices**

All awards that require student applications are eligible for a top-up from their supervisor or graduate unit.

The top-up amounts are as follows:

Award Amount	Top-Up*
\$0.00 to \$2,000	There will be no top-up but the student gets to keep the award(s), up to a combined maximum of \$2,000. The amount of the award will not be deducted from the base funding.
Between \$2,001 to \$15,000 (cumulative awards)	Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a \$2,000 top-up over their base funding.
Over \$15,000 (cumulative awards \$15,001 and up)	Award goes towards the base funding and student receives a \$4,000 top-up over their base funding.

*Note:

- Within an academic year, the total cumulative top-up maximum is \$4,000. That is, if a student holds an award between \$2,001 to \$15,000 and also an award over \$15,000, their total top-up is \$4,000.
- Top-up eligibility excludes University of Toronto Fellowship (e.g, UTF Open), Doctoral Completion Awards, travel awards, and bursaries.
- Payment of top-ups will occur annually for the duration of the award. Thereafter, the student will revert back to the appropriate base graduate student funding package amount.
- A student, who receives award(s) exceeding the amount equivalent to the base funding and top-up, will not be eligible to receive a top-up for these award(s).

4. **Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Funds (OSOTF) Awards**

Students who receive funding from needs-based and merit awards, such as OSOTFs, are required to consider such funds as part of their base funding. See above for top up policy for such awards.

5. **Bursaries**

Non-repayable grants, such as the UTAPS and SGS Emergency Grant, which assists 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 an award.



6. Funding Terms

In general, provided that he/she remain “in good standing”, a doctoral stream student will be funded for his/her thesis-based program. There are four basic principles that guide these funding terms, as follows:

- MSc students are guaranteed base funding for their first 2 years.
- PhD students admitted with completed master's degree are guaranteed base funding for a minimum of 4 years.
- 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.
- Direct-entry PhD students admitted with a bachelor's degree are guaranteed base funding for a minimum of 5 years.

7. Annual Review

The Chairs/Directors below agree to meet at least annually with the Vice Dean, Graduate and Academic Affairs, to discuss this funding Agreement and to make any adjustments necessary for implementation effective the following academic year.