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, Research, Innovation & Health Science Education at the Temerty Faculty of Medicine.

Graduate students registered in the Physician Scientist Training Programs (i.e., MD/PhD, Residents and CIP), MD Research Fellowship and/or other regulated health care professional clinician scientist program (e.g., clinical fellows) may receive funding over and above the base funding, as per their own program guidelines.

**1. Total Base Funding, 2026/2027**

The amounts outlined below represent the guaranteed base funding package for full-time MSc (thesis-only) and PhD graduate students in TFOM based on legal status and degree program.

| **2026-2027 Student Base Funding for Full Time Doctoral Stream MSc and PhD Students**[a] | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Domestic** | | | **International** | |
| **MSc (2026-27 Fall & Winter Session, or earlier)** | **PhD** | | **MSc** | **PhD** |
| 30,416.28 | 33,568.69 | Living Allowance | 30,416.28 | 33,568.69 |
| 9,892.39 | 8,622.39 | Tuition & Fees[b] | 35,752.39 | 8,622.39 |
| n/a | n/a | UHIP | 948 | 948 |
| **40,308.67** | **42,191.08** | **Total** | **67,116.67** | **43,139.08** |

A) Graduate stipends for eligible students will be partially offset by funding through the Graduate Student Supplement (GSS). The fund will provide $2.33M in 2026-27.

B) Tuition & Fee include program fees, mandatory incidental, system access & ancillary fees. 2026/27 tuition and fees are updated based on the June 2026 announcement.

**2. Merit-based Entrance Scholarships (MES)**

One year Merit-based Entrance Scholarships, valued at no more than $5,000 each, can be offered to up to 20% of the most highly rated applicants (based on previous year's enrollment) 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 their 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. Graduate Units will continue to determine and enforce the eligibility of their MES.

### 3. Top-Up Practice[1]

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 [1] |
|---|---|
| $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 $9,999 (cumulative awards) | Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a $2,000 top-up over their base funding. |
| Between $10,000 to $15,000 (cumulative awards) | Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a $3,000 top-up over their base funding. |
| Between $15,001 to $39,999 (cumulative awards) | Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a $4,000 top-up over their base funding. |
| Between $40,000 and $45,000 (cumulative awards) | Award goes towards the base funding and the student receives a $5,000 top-up over their base funding. The maximum total a student can receive from all sources (cumulative awards and top-up) can be no more than $50,000. |
| $45,001 and $50,000 (cumulative awards) | No top up, but students can hold the award(s) up to $50,000 |

a) Within an academic year (or 12 months period), the total cumulative top-up maximum is $5,000. That is, if a student holds an award of $25,000 and another award of $17,500, their total top-up is $5,000.
b) The top-up is only provided in amounts of $2,000, $3,000, $4,000, or $5,000 per year (does not exceed 12 months) and is added above the base funding amount.
c) A student who receives award(s) higher than $50,000 is not eligible for any top-up and can only retain the award(s) up to a maximum total of $50,000.
d) Payment of top-ups will occur annually for the duration of the award and the student will revert back to the appropriate base graduate student funding package amount thereafter.
e) Top-up eligibility excludes University of Toronto Fellowship (e.g., UTF Open), Doctoral Completion Awards, Temerty Faculty of Medicine Entrance Scholarship, GSS funds, travel awards, and bursaries.
f) Only a single top-up can be administered for awards that span over two academic years. For example, CIHR, QEII, and OGS that commence in May – April annually. We highly recommend commencing such awards in September where possible. Administering top-ups for such awards with a May start should commence as of September in the new academic year.

### 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 assist 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 the student remains "in good standing", a doctoral stream student will be funded for their thesis-based program, as per the approved graduate unit funded years. There are four basic principles that guide these funding terms, as follows:

a) Full-time MSc students are guaranteed base funding for their first 2 years.
b) PhD students admitted with completed master's degree are guaranteed base funding for a minimum of 4 years.
c) 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.
d) 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, Research, Innovation, and Health Science Education, to discuss this Agreement and make any adjustments necessary for implementation effective the following academic year.

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[1] Since MD/PhD students fall outside the scope of this agreement, these students are subject to top-up practices outlined by the MD/PhD program