We provide Faculty of Arts & Science graduate student funding to support you in the pursuit of your graduate degree. We hope this document helps you to better understand the terms and conditions of your funding.

Eligibility for Funding

- Funding is provided for students within the funded cohort.
- Funding is provided for registered and full time students. If you are not registered for the full academic year – e.g., on approved leave – your funding will be revised to reflect your enrolment status.
- Your academic progress is important to us. You must be in good academic standing to receive funding. If academic progress is in question, your unit must inform you before funding is affected.

Major External Scholarships

- Major external awards include Vanier Scholarships, Doctoral Canada Graduate Scholarships (CGSD), CIHR Doctoral Research Awards, NSERC Doctoral Postgraduate Scholarships (PGSD), SSHRC Doctoral Fellowships, OGS, QEII-GSST, Trillium, Connaught, Trudeau, and so forth.
- You agree to apply for and accept external awards for which you are eligible. It is a great honour to receive a prestigious fellowship and writing applications for such awards is part of your academic training.
- Not all awards are paid through the University of Toronto (for example awards from other countries). To help us properly understand your financial situation, you agree to disclose any external awards that are paid directly to you.
- You understand that if you win a major external award, that award replaces a portion of your base funding. This policy ensures that funding is distributed as equitably as possible.

Employment

- A teaching assistantship (TA) forms part of the funding package for most students and you agree to apply for and accept TA positions for this portion of your funding.
- Domestic students who hold major awards and international students with awards that cover all of their funding may choose to TA less. Speak to your graduate unit about local processes.
- To help us understand where and how much our students are working, you agree to disclose if you have TA positions across multiple departments and campuses.
- You understand that you must be a full time student to receive this funding. It is recommended that students who do work limit their hours of work to less than 10 hours per week (on average) in any employment (including TA, other employment at the university, employment outside the university) while receiving this funding.

Your funding letter outlines the base funding provided through your department. Please contact your Departmental Graduate Coordinator with questions concerning the particulars of program funding in your graduate unit. Also note that these letters do not capture additional research assistant (RA) and teaching assistant (TA) income that you may secure throughout the year.