

Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies

**Graduate Funding
Student Orientation
Fall 2022**

<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding>



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GPS Graduate Funding Unit's role

- Dissemination of information for All types of graduate funding including,
 - International Student funding,
 - Federal and Provincial funding,
 - Sponsorships,
 - Internships,
- Adjudication and processing of centrally-administered fellowships and awards from GPS-run competitions
- Development of policies regarding graduate student funding and student eligibility
- Advocates for students with external agencies

2 Types of Funding

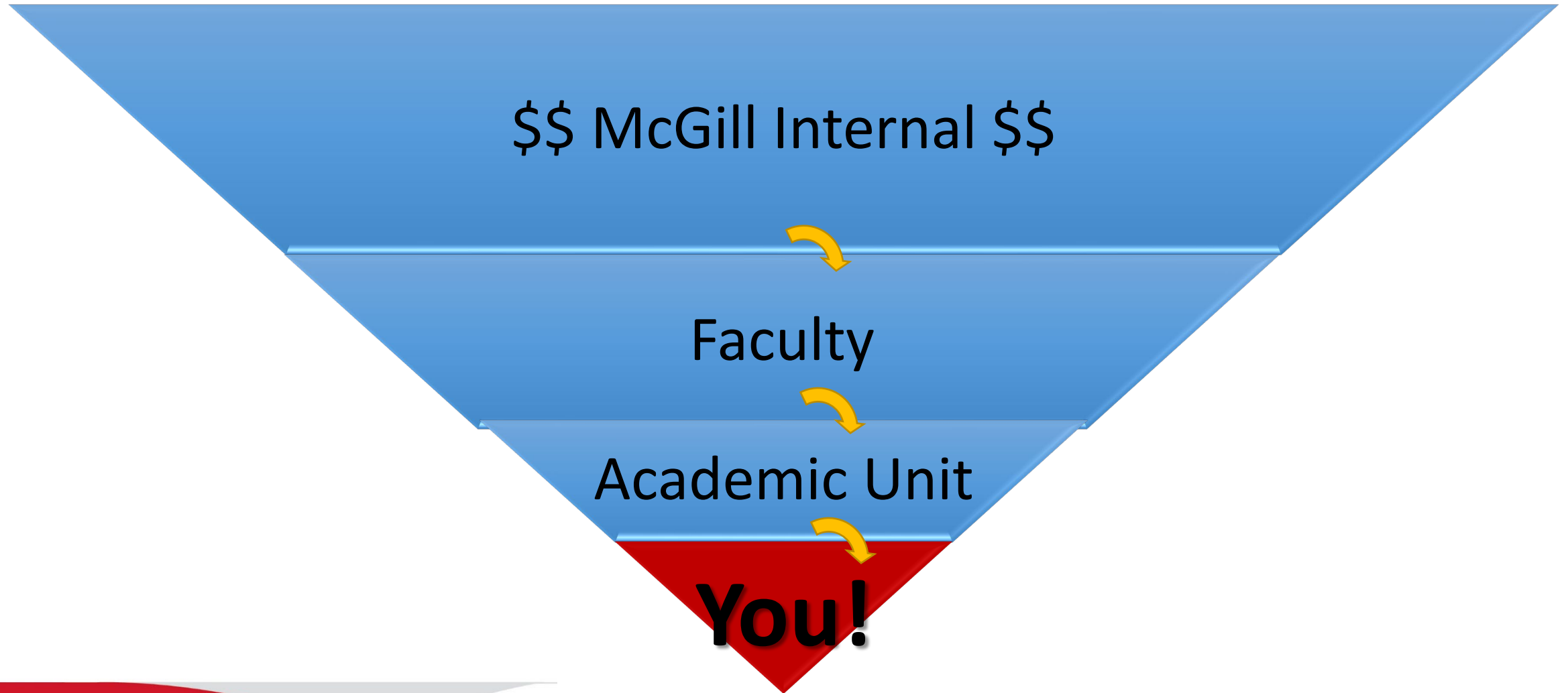
Internal

Financial support distributed by the University. Students are automatically considered for, and may be offered this type of funding. Some opportunities are available for which an application needs to be submitted.

- Central McGill funds from endowments, donations, & government bodies
- Some Faculties / Academic Units have their own
- Professors have research grants

Employment possibilities as Research or Teaching Assistant. Note that funds received for these are considered salary for employment and are subject to the corresponding Union's collective agreements.

Graduate Funding – Internal funds



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2 Types of Funding

External

Federal Tri-Agency (Masters & Doctoral)

- NSERC – CRSNG (Natural Science & Engineering)
- CIHR – IRSC (Health Research)
- SSHRC – CRSH (Social Science & Humanities)



Nominated by Unit,
GPS forwards to agency



CIHR IRSC
SSHRC CRSH

Provincial Agencies (Masters & Doctoral)

- FRQNT (Natural Science & Engineering)
- FRSQ (Health Research)
- FRQSC (Social Science & Humanities)



Apply directly to agency,
not through GPS



**Anyone submitting an application to one of the Provincial agencies are required to send the application number to their Unit*

Many other foundations or private enterprises offer student support. Talk with your supervisor! Google!

<https://mcgill.ca/gps/funding>

Find a listing of some funding opportunities by selecting the corresponding registration status

Meet some of our awesome winners

Get tips and tricks for creating winning applications.

Find out how to get your payments

Graduate Funding

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies-Graduate Funding is responsible for the awarding and processing of many fellowships in support of McGill's graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

Funding Opportunities



Graduate Funding administers many merit-based fellowships. These are available through competition and require you to complete and submit an application.

[Learn more](#)

Highlights and Achievements



McGill's students and postdocs are a distinguished, global community of scholars. Come meet some of our exceptional students and postdoctoral fellows who have been recognized for their innovative research.

[Read more](#)

Maximize my Chances



Find the key to successful funding applications. Attend one or more of our many writing workshops and funding information sessions (in person and webinars).

[Learn more](#)

Getting Paid



Wondering how to activate/maintain your fellowship? Read your Award Holders Guide, and find what forms are required, where they should be submitted.

[Learn more](#)

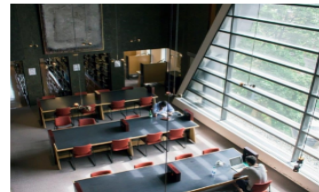
McGill Financial Aid



The Scholarships & Student Aid Office administers an In-Course Financial Aid Program providing modest amount of loans and bursaries for current graduate students in need of supplemental financial assistance.

[Learn more](#)

Calendar



Many fellowships are offered through your Academic Unit and/or Faculty, and most do not require an application.

[Learn more](#)

Funding Opportunities

What funding may I be eligible to apply for?

Master's Students



Funding opportunities for incoming and current Master's students

[Learn more](#)

Doctoral Students



Funding opportunities for incoming and current doctoral students.

[Read more](#)

Postdoctoral Fellows



Funding opportunities for incoming and current Postdoctoral fellows

[Learn more](#)

Internships



Funding opportunities for internships for graduate students

[Learn more](#)

International Students



McGill has substantial resources specifically dedicated to the support of Non-Canadian graduate students.

[Learn more](#)

Funding for Travel



Hoping to study and/or conduct research away? Check out funding opportunities that will help you do just that.

[Learn more](#)



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Funding for International Students: Sponsorships and DFWs



Sponsorships

- GPS International Funding Agreements
- Co-funded by McGill and an international agency abroad
- For Incoming and First Year students
- Usually covers
 - Tuition
 - International Health Insurance
 - Annual living allowance



<https://mcgill.ca/gps/funding/international>

Differential Fee Waivers (DFWs) – External

- Quebec exemptions from foreign student differential tuition fees
- Bilateral Agreements with foreign countries and Quebec



- Students apply through their [country's designated agency](#)
- **Beware:** Deadlines vary by country.



Funding Competition – Process [McGill Administered Competitions]

- Check your **Unit's** competition **requirements** and **DEADLINE**
- **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS** and information
- Submit at **Unit's deadline** (not GPS deadline to agency, nor Unit deadline to GPS)
- **Unit** forwards **recommended / nominated** applications to GPS
- GPS runs **internal review of recommended applications**
- GPS organizes successful applications and **forwards to agency (CGS Masters Award has final selection here)**

Getting Paid

External Fellowships: Fellowships are awarded directly to students by granting agencies, with McGill issuing the payments.

- GPS is responsible for disbursing Tri-Agency Fellowships (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR)
- **Most** all other awards are disbursed by Academic unit

Note: If unsure email graduatefunding.gps@mcgill.ca send a copy of your Notice of Award

Remember: Include your McGill ID NUMBER

Teaching Assistant (TA) or Research Assistant (RA) : Processed through the academic unit – Considered salary for employment, not an award.

Stipends: Paid from a research grant for the student to work on their thesis research which is part of the research program of the professor's grant.

- Payments processed by the academic unit

Avoid delays

- Make sure registration is up to date BEFORE the beginning of the term the award is covering.
- Submit required documentation to appropriate unit/office (ie: final grades from previous degree)
- Update banking information and mailing address on Minerva

<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/getting-paid>



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Getting Paid (International Students)

- All students are expected to be physically present for the 2022/23 academic year.
- You must have a Canadian bank account to receive payments from internal awards or any awards that are paid through McGill University.
- For international students who may be arriving a bit late on the Fall term due to delays in obtaining immigration documents, payments will not be released until you update Minerva with your Canadian bank account information.
- If you receiving stipends from your supervisor's research grant, these will not be processed until you are physically present at McGill.



Student Information Webinars

<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/maximize-my-chances>

Check your
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email! Often!

Info Session	Dates
Tri-Agency Doctoral Canada Graduate Scholarships (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR)	01 September 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
CIHR Doctoral (webinars given by CIHR staff)	English sessions - Date & time TBD French sessions - Date & time TBD
* Intro to Provincial-FRQ (Doctoral & Master's)	31 August 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
NSERC Doctoral (Q&A session by NSERC staff)	Date & time TBD– found here: https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/maximize-my-chances
Tri-Agency Master's Canada Graduate Scholarships (NSERC, SSHRC & CIHR)	20 October 2022 at 4:00 p.m.



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Funding Weblinks to bookmark

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding>
 - <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/opportunities>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/international>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/travel>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/maximize-my-chances>
 - [Student Info Sessions / Webinar Registration](#)
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/getting-paid>

Resources

- **Workshops and Webinars**

- Offer support in all aspects of the external funding application process and help maximize your chances
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/maximize-my-chances>

- **SKILLSETS**

- Suite of workshops designed for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to complement research training
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/skillsets>

- **Tips for writing a research proposal**

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/research-tracking/proposals>

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Remember: Include your McGill ID NUMBER



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