Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies

Graduate Funding
Student Orientation
Fall 2022

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

$$ McGill Internal $$

Faculty

Academic Unit

You!

Graduate Funding
2 Types of Funding

External

Federal Tri-Agency (Masters & Doctoral)
- NSERC – CRSNG (Natural Science & Engineering)
- CIHR – IRSC (Health Research)
- SSHRC – CRSH (Social Science & Humanities)

Provincial Agencies (Masters & Doctoral)
- FRQNT (Natural Science & Engineering)
- FRSQ (Health Research)
- FRQSC (Social Science & Humanities)

*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!
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.

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

Graduate Funding
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 and 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
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


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Funding Weblinks to bookmark

- [https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding](https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding)
  - [https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/opportunities](https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/opportunities)
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  - Student Info Sessions / Webinar Registration

Graduate Funding
Resources

• Workshops and Webinars
  • Offer support in all aspects if 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
Graduate Funding Team

External funding team:
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- Jan Walker, Fellowships Administrator
- Shadi Bivadi, Student Affairs Coordinator

Internal funding team:
- Lilia Eskildsen Torres, Graduate Funding Manager
- Seyissa Pinheiro, Adm. & Student Affairs Coord.
- Quinter Faith, Adm. & Student Affairs Coord
- Alycia Bartczak, Outreach Officer (Internships)

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