

Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies



Graduate Funding Student Orientation Fall 2025

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



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“McGill University is on land which has long served as a site of meeting and exchange amongst Indigenous peoples, including the Haudenosaunee and Anishinabeg nations. We acknowledge and thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose presence marks this territory on which peoples of the world now gather.”



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GPS Graduate Funding 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
- Advocate for students

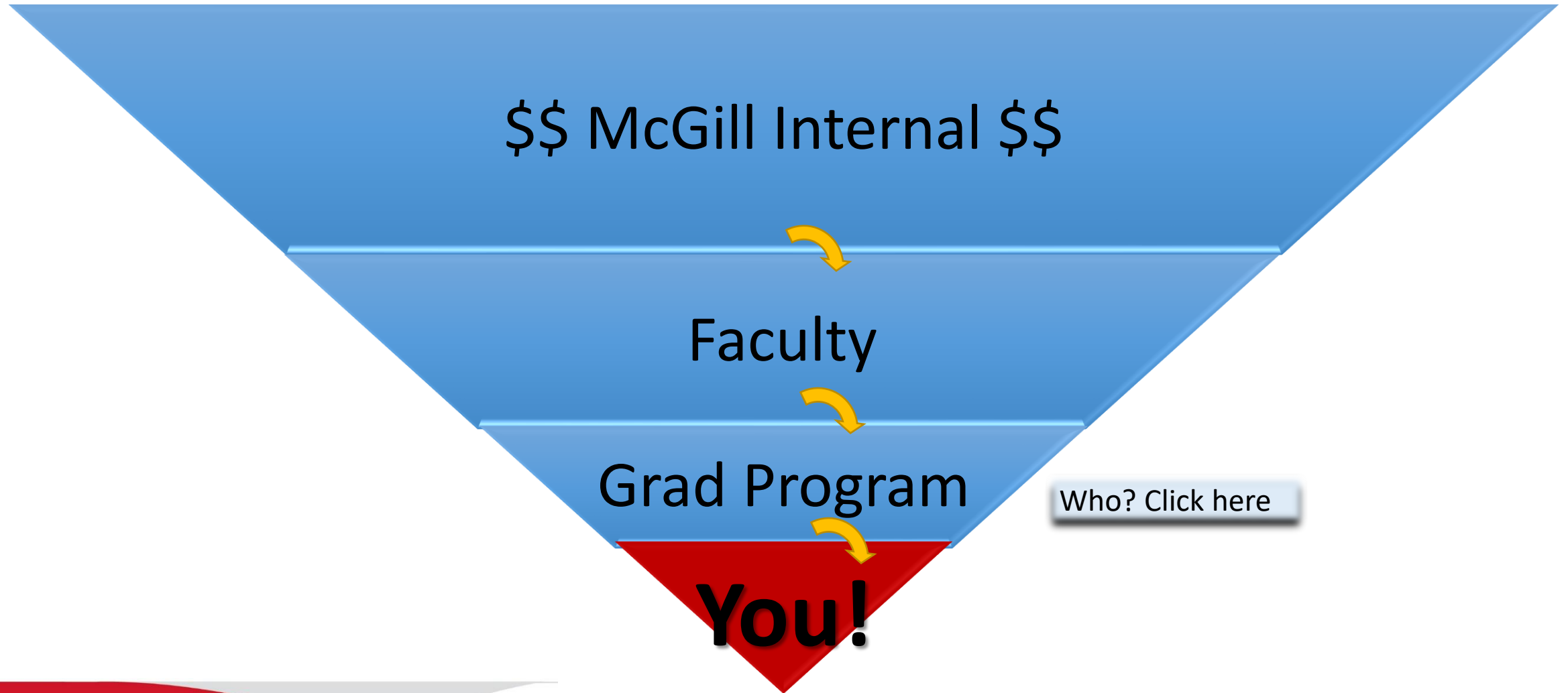
2 Types of Funding

Internal

Financial support distributed by the University, which comes from McGill central funds, endowments, donations and professors' research grants. Some opportunities are available for which a separate application needs to be submitted, but for most internal funds, students receive a funding letter outlining their funding package at the time of admission.

- All PhD students receive a standardized funding letter. [Learn more about funding letters on our website.](#)
- Employment possibilities such as Research or Teaching Assistantships may be also available. 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)



NO citizenship restrictions
Nominated by Unit,
GPS forwards to agency



CIHR IRSC

SSHRC CRSH

- Tri-Agency Canadian Graduate Research Scholarship Doctoral awards are open to all citizens, but non-Canadians must be registered in their PhD program to be eligible. The application process begins here at McGill for any McGill registered student in this current calendar year so you speak to your GPC.
- **Deadlines:** [Doctoral](#) awards: 22 September & [Masters](#) awards: 01 December
- Visit our [web page](#) for more info.
- Remember, it is important to select the correct funding agency that matches your research.



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2 Types of Funding

External-Continued:

Provincial Agency: Fonds de recherche du Québec (Masters & Doctoral)

- FRQ-NT (Natural Science & Technology Sector)
- FRQ-S (Health Sector)
- FRQ-SC (Society & Culture Sector)



NO citizenship restrictions!
Apply directly to agency, no
internal McGill process

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

- **Deadlines are 1st week in October**
- **Recommendations for FRQNT and FRQS doctoral applicants:**
 - Based on past experience, the strongest applicants have a good publication record and previous awards to demonstrate academic achievement
 - If you have just entered your doctoral program and have not yet published or submitted any articles, it may be advisable to focus on strengthening your CV to improve your chances for next year's competition

Many other foundations or private enterprises offer student support.
Speak with your supervisor and classmates! Visit our [website](#)! Google!



Travel awards

- Internal or external
- Most require some type of application
- Graduate Mobility Award ([GMA](#))
- Graduate Research Enhancement and Travel Awards ([GREAT](#))
- Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement ([MSFSS](#)) [for CGS and CGRS award holders]



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



Graphos fellowship writing webinar for incoming MA and PhD students

Check your
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A compelling research narrative is key to producing a strong application.

Sign up for a discipline-oriented workshop to address common challenges faced by incoming students when writing a fellowship application. The 1.5-hour online webinar will be followed by an optional 30-minute Q&A period.

Register for your discipline-related webinar on the [Graphos' Fellowship Writing Support](#).

- **Social Science and Humanities (SSHRC-FRQSC):** Tuesday, August 5, 10:00-12:00
- **Health Research (CIHR-FRQS):** Wednesday, August 6, 11:30-13:30
- **Natural Sciences and Engineering (NSERC-FRQNT):** Thursday, August 7, 11:30-13:30



If registration is required, visit our webpage.

***A link to the session will be emailed to all registrants.**

Space is limited so 1st come 1st admitted to session.

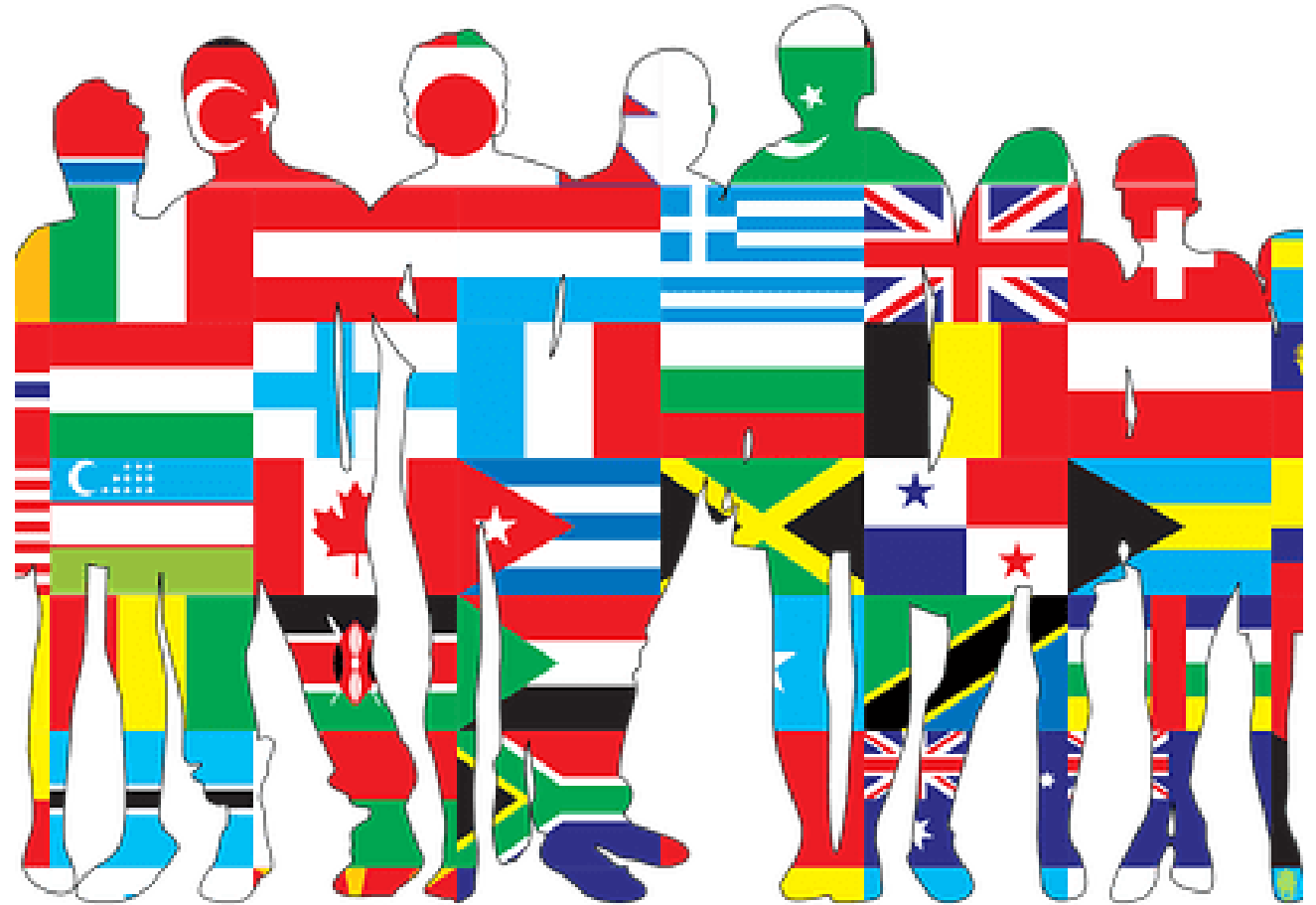
Student Information Webinars

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

*Tri-Agency Doctoral Canada Graduate Scholarships (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR) - Q & A	29 August 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
*Intro to Provincial-FRQ • Doctoral • Master's	27 August 2025 at 4:00 p.m. 28 August 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
*Tri-Agency Master's Canada Graduate Scholarships (NSERC, SSHRC & CIHR)	22 October 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
CIHR Doctoral (webinars given by CIHR staff)	English sessions - Date & time TBD French sessions - Date & time TBD
NSERC Doctoral (Q&A session by NSERC staff)	Date & time TBD

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Other funding for International Students:



Sponsorships

- GPS International Funding Agreements
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- 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.



Internship Funding Opportunities



- [Doctoral Internship Program](#) (DIP)
- [FRQNT](#) at a College Technology Transfer Centre, [Mitacs](#) internships, and many [others](#)

Program specific:

- [Graduate Internship Program for Engineering and Computer Science](#) (GrIPECS)
- [Practera](#): McGill STEM Industry Project

[Internship Funding Opportunities webpage](#)

Doctoral Internship Program (DIP)

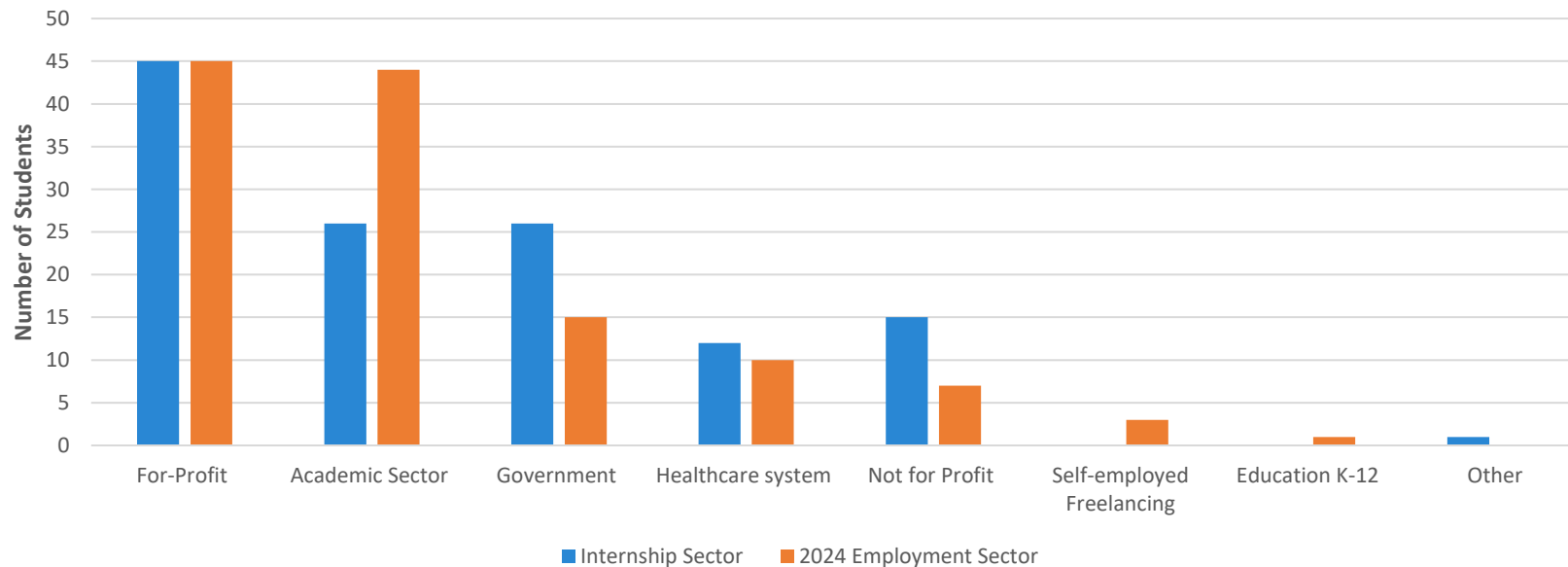
- **All** doctoral programs are eligible to apply
- PhD6 or earlier
- **In-course applications** are accepted with supervisor support and up to date myProgress milestones
- **End of degree applications** are accepted for internships between initial thesis submission and defense



7 out of 10 interns are currently working in the **same sector or field** they interned in

41% of interns **were later hired** by the organizations they interned with

Internship Sector compared to 2024 Employment Sector



GPS French Course Pilot Project

- All doctoral students and Masters FRQ award holders are eligible
- Develop your French oral and written skills during the Winter 2026 semester
- Courses are based on level of proficiency (placement test)
- 3-credit course (does **NOT** count towards graduation requirements nor GPA but will appear on your transcript).
- If you meet all project requirements, registration fees associated with the course are paid by GPS (value of \$300-400).

frenchforgrads.gps@mcgill.ca

Getting Paid-types of payments

Internal Awards: Most disbursed by Academic Unit, some by GPS

External Fellowships: Fellowships 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

If unsure contact your Graduate Program Coordinator.

To activate your Tri-Agency award:

Email Graduatefunding.gps@mcgill.ca

Attach a copy of your Notice of Award (NOA)

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

Getting Paid-continued

If you need to contact us, email graduatefunding.gps@mcgill.ca

Avoid delays

- Make sure registration is up to date BEFORE the beginning of the term the award is covering.
- For internal awards, you must be registered for both Fall AND Winter terms for your funding to be processed.
- 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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Funding Weblinks to bookmark

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding>
 - <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/opportunities>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/understanding-my-funding-letter>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/internship-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. Topics include: Securing Funding & Financial Skills, Project Management, Presentation Skills.
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/skillsets>

Tips for writing a research proposal

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

Staying Happy and Healthy at McGill

McGill offers a wide range of resources to support your wellbeing during graduate studies. These resources are there for you, don't hesitate to make use of them! Scan the QR code below to see a selection of McGill's best services for graduate student wellbeing:



<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/staying-happy-and-healthy-graduate-studies>



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Remember: Include your McGill ID NUMBER



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