

FINANCIAL AID ROADMAP FOR GRAD STUDENTS

Use this handy tool to plan your academic journey.

Mapping things out!

1 HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Tuition and fees along with accommodation costs should be your first stops. Take a detour to these sites to *create a spending plan*.

Don't forget about conferences and/or field trips, try to make your plan **as comprehensive as possible within reason**.

bit.ly/ssacost
bit.ly/mcgilthousing



bit.ly/SSAOfinances for videos
mcgill.ca/studentaid/finances
for the Frugal Scholar Money Management Toolkit

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You are more than half way down the road!

2 HOW CAN I MAKE EVERY DOLLAR COUNT?

To be a frugal scholar, plan wisely.

Make a spending plan for 12 months if you are doing...

- a thesis
- a non-thesis program that requires summer registration and a full credit load of 12 or more.

Otherwise, calculate 8 months of expenses

We have tips and tricks to shop smart; eat for less and to create sound spending habits. Wise planning means all your needs and some of your wants can be covered!



3 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

To cover the cost of attendance, students should know where to find **core funding**.



Graduate funding is handled at the *academic department level*.



Canadian & US students with/without department funding could also look at *government student financial assistance* as a primary source of funding.



Take an alternative route to these web pages as you plot out your funding plan:

bit.ly/mcgillgradfund
bit.ly/mcgillgovfund
bit.ly/otherfunding

4 NEED MORE HELP?

If you have reached the end of the road and can't make ends meet, maybe **McGill Financial Aid** can help. We administer a work study program as well as in-course financial aid, based on financial need.

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Arrived at graduation/destination!