

2011-12
FULL FUNDING POLICY FOR PhD STUDENTS
IN DALLA LANA SCHOOL of PUBLIC HEALTH

The minimum support for students in the *funded cohort* is \$15,000 plus tuition (i.e. \$23,045 for domestic students and \$32,925 for international students in 2011-12).

Basic Definitions:

▪ **Funded Cohort:**

The funded cohort includes all full-time students, both domestic and international, in years 1-5 of a PhD program, in good academic standing.

Note: flex-time students, medical residents and faculty on sabbatical are automatically excluded from the funded cohort. However, they may be eligible for some awards from granting agencies.

▪ **Student Support:**

Student Support can come from *any one or a combination* of the following sources:

- Awards from external agencies such as SSHRC, NSERC, OGS, CIHR, etc.
- Internal awards such as UTO, OGSST, Connaught, some OSOTFs
- Government, International Agency and other awards for the express purpose of education.
- Stipends from supervisors and training grants to support the program (T4A income)
- Employer sponsorship

The following *are not considered sources of student support in the Faculty of Medicine:*

- Teaching Assistantships
- Research jobs not related to the student's educational program
- Casual jobs in the university
- Casual jobs outside of the university.

Conditions of Funding:

1. In order to be eligible for annual funding, students and their supervisors must complete a **Progress Review** and an online **Student – Supervisor Agreement** every September to confirm “satisfactory academic progress”.

2. **Supervisors** are strongly encouraged to provide support for eligible PhD students through training grants and stipends to support their academic program (T4A income). If the supervisor can only provide partial funding, the school will augment the supervisor's stipend, to the full amount of the required minimum of \$23,045, using available University of Toronto Open Fellowship funds.
3. **All students** are required to apply for awards from external granting agencies. Many students are successful in receiving an external award by their second or third year.
4. Students who receive funding (i.e. a competitive award such as OGS, or supervisor support) less than \$23,045 and no other support, will receive a "**top-up**", from the School's University of Toronto Open funds, to achieve a total of \$23,045.
5. All students who receive a competitive award equal to or greater than \$15,000 will also receive a "**bonus**" of up to \$2,000 to a maximum of \$25,000 for all sources of support. (Note: The School will not provide any additional funds if the sum of external awards and supervisor support is equal to or greater than \$25,000).
6. Students who do *not* hold external awards, or have supervisor support, will receive \$23,045 (for the 2011-12 academic year) from the School's University of Toronto Open funds.
7. Students whose funding sources change throughout the year are required to provide the School with supporting documentation and revise their Student-Supervisor Agreement. In addition, students may be required to return or decline funds in order to comply with the policies of the funding sources and/or the School. The net result will be an equal or a greater amount of student support.
8. International students are strongly encouraged to apply for support from external agencies and/or their home government. Admitted international students who do not have external and/or supervisor support will receive \$32,925 (for the 2011-12 academic year) from the School's University of Toronto Open funds.
9. Students must be registered as a full-time degree candidate for a minimum of fourteen weeks in any term during which they hold an award. Repayment of an award is required if a student is in full-time attendance fewer than 14 weeks in any term, transfers to another graduate unit, changes to part-time status or withdraws from the program.

Student Progress Review and Student-Supervisor Agreement

The School is required to monitor and keep accurate records of the student's academic progress and funding arrangements. Personalized reports are sent to each student during the summer. The student and supervisor are required to meet, to review, update and sign/submit all documents.

- Progress Review and Preliminary Funding Report (paper documents sent to students via mail)
- Student-Supervisor Agreement (GradSIS on-line document to which the student is invited via email)