Graduate Student Support through Scholarships and Awards

The Faculty of Graduate Studies awards competitive scholarships through the Graduate Award Competition and through Program-recommended awards.

Graduate students are expected to apply for all awards from external funding agencies for which they are eligible, especially the awards available through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC), the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). These three agencies are known as the Tri-Council. The Faculty of Graduate Studies offers workshops to assist students in writing applications for these national, competitive Tri-Council awards.

No student can receive a total of more than the minimum Tri-Council scholarship value (currently $17,500 for Master’s and $20,000 for PhD) from awards made in the Graduate Award Competition and Program-recommended awards.

A student holding external awards with a total value equal to or greater than the minimum Tri-Council scholarship is not eligible for funding from Program-recommended awards or the Graduate Award Competition (with the exception of an Honorary Izaak Walton Killam Pre-Doctoral Scholarship)

A student who is awarded both a University of Calgary scholarship (or combination of awards) and an external award equal to or greater than the amount stated above must take up the external award at the earliest possible date and decline the University of Calgary scholarship(s) effective on that same date.

Notes:
1. Travel awards administered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies are not subject to the limits described above.
2. Funds awarded by programs from their Graduate Student Support allocation are not subject to the limits described above.
3. Program recommended awards in a program with an approved fee differential are not subject to the limits described above and may be combined for an individual student, up to the minimum Tri-Council amount plus the difference between the tuition charged and regular base tuition.