GUARANTEED MINIMUM FUNDING PROGRAM UPDATED APRIL, 2025



Program overview

The guaranteed minimum funding program provides accepted PhD students with a minimum of \$15,500 per year in funding. This funding is divided between two sources 1) FGSR - \$8000 and 2) Supervisor/Unit/Faculty- \$7500. The portion from FGSR will be provided in three payments based on the semesters and not be attached to any required work. The portion provided by the Supervisor/Unit/Faculty may come in many forms including but not limited to Teaching Assistantships, Stipends, Research Assistantships, etc.

ELIGIBILITY:

Qualifications: Holders of these awards are required to be a <u>fully-qualified</u> graduate in a PhD program at the University of Regina. Students who are <u>entering</u> must have a minimum of a first class average (equivalent to a minimum of 80%) when they enter their program.

In Good Standing: Students must hold and maintain a minimum 80% average. An incomplete and/or failing grade from a previous semester's work will render the student ineligible for support. Failure to continue to be fully eligible in each semester while holding this scholarship, will require the scholarship to be discontinued.

Required: Grad Thrive Plus GRST 801 (previously 800AA) must be completed by the end of the first semester in which a student begins their program in order to be eligible. Failure to complete this by the end of their first semester will require the scholarship to be discontinued.

Registered Full-Time: Students are required to be registered full-time in the semesters in which the funding is to be received and accordingly, are required to register and remain in no fewer than 6 credit hours each semester while holding the award. All awardees are required to be registered full-time by the **5th** day of the first month (January, May, or September) of the semesters in which the award is to be paid, in order to meet payroll deadlines.

Term of the Award: This award will be available to students for the first 4 years (12 semesters) of a PhD program. Students who fail to remain in good standing will have their funding suspended until they can regain standing, but they can not extend the term of the award. An exception to this is Clinical Psychology PhDs who are only eligible per the requirements of their program for 3 years (9 semesters) of funding.

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Employment: Students who are employed full-time in a non-research position (i.e. are not working for their supervisor) who cannot meet the conditions of any Supervisor/Unit/Faculty funding will be able to waive the GMF program.

Major Awards: Students who have been awarded scholarships of \$40,000 or more (tri-council funding) will be ineligible for this GMF program for the duration of their award.

RATES OF SUPPORT:

FGSR will provide payments in the following pattern Semester 1= \$2700, Semester 2 = \$2650, Semester 3 = \$2650. Supervisors/Units/Faculty are asked to provide payments in as close to equal portions as possible.

APPLICATION & PROCEDURES:

No application is required. Each PhD student accepted to a PhD program will be required to have minimum funding going forward from Fall 2025. They will be provided this through the GMF program, funding from the Supervisor, funding from an external source (government), or in rare circumstances students will be able to be self-funded (are employed full-time).

All FGSR funding is subject to annual budgetary approval and up to the discretion of the Dean of FGSR.