

Department of Population Medicine Guidelines for Graduate Student Stipends
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Graduate Studies at the University of Guelph

(<https://graduatestudies.uoguelph.ca/current/funding>) requires a minimum of \$17,500 for all domestic and international doctoral students for a period of three years (9 full-time semesters). This minimum stipend is to be increased to \$20,000 in 2020. Funding above this minimum is encouraged when possible.

No such University standard exists for MSc students. The practice within the Department of Population Medicine is to normally offer a minimum stipend for a thesis-based MSc of \$16,000 per year for two years (6 full-time semesters). This practice will begin in fall 2020. There are no minimum stipends for students enrolled in an MSc by coursework program; however, individual faculty advisors may elect to provide some stipend support.

All students are encouraged to apply for scholarships to help support their funding. The value of student scholarships awarded prior to or upon entry to graduate school will count toward the minimum stipend and the faculty member supervising the student must top up to the minimum stipend if not already above the threshold.

Students winning major scholarships following admission to their program (e.g., NSERC, OGS, CIHR, OVC) may have a portion of the scholarship value subtracted from their original funding offer depending on the terms and conditions of these awards and the conditions outlined in their offer letter from their advisor. However, the College, Department, and/or advisor will work to assure students awarded external funding will see their total support increase following a major award.

The Department of Population Medicine does not routinely accept self-funded thesis based full-time graduate students. A thesis-based student (MSc or PhD) that wishes to be self-funded must provide evidence of financial support (a parental RESP, spousal support, etc.) and appeal with the proposed advisor to the Graduate Committee for special consideration. In the case of a PhD student that wishes to be unfunded, a waiver must also be completed and submitted to the Office of Graduate Studies for final consideration.