

## Meeting with CUPE 3903 Executive

Friday, November 25, 2016

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## Graduate Student Funding: Questions



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## Question #1

What happens to the fellowship portion of a graduate student if they get a SSHRC? Please specify for PhD/MA, international/domestic.

If a graduate student receives an external Tri-Council scholarship, the scholarship will count towards the York Fellowship.

## Question #2

Considering the high number of different external scholarships, is there a formula or policy regarding whether that funding can be used to reduce the York fellowship portion?

The University's matching portion counts towards the York Graduate Fellowship.

### Question #3

What happens to a Master's student with a 0.5 or 0.25 TAship? Is their fellowship reduced to \$5403 like those with 1.0 TAships?

If you apply for and are employed as a Teaching Assistant covered by the CUPE 3903 Unit 1 Collective Agreement, the York Master's Fellowship will be in the amount of \$5,403 rather than \$10,000 regardless of the value of the Teaching Assistantship.

### Question #4


Will receiving an RA'ship result in a reduction of the fellowship?  
Please specify for PhD/MA, international/domestic.

Masters/Doctoral (Domestic/International): No

## Question #5

If a PhD student gets a summer TAship, what happens to their funding, given that this assignment will not be in lieu of summer funding?

The new Fellowship model provides funding to offset tuition fees for graduate students, and will not prevent graduate students from seeking out, and securing, CUPE 3903 work assignments. If a graduate student secures a CUPE 3903 work assignment, the new funding model will allow the student to receive equal Fellowship payments throughout the academic year (through the Fellowship), and the wages earned from the CUPE assignment would be in addition to the Fellowship while they are a full-time student in good standing.

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## Question #6

Will Summer assistance for Unit 3 (article 10.09) be respected?

Yes, the employee will receive the \$3,000 Summer Assistance as outlined in Article 10.09 of the CUPE 3903 Unit 3 collective agreement.

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## Question #7

What is the process for departments to get approval to hire GAs?

GA POSTING PROCESS STEPS	FALL	WINTER	SUMMER	Responsible for Action
1. Faculty Dean's Office/FGS sends call for hiring units* to indicate interest in hiring GAs	June 1/15	October 1/15	February 1/15	Faculty Dean's Office/FGS
2. Hiring units in turn circulate posting template to faculty members, researchers, etc.				Hiring Unit
3. Researcher to provide information (filled in posting template) to graduate program (confirming duration, weight, cost centre, etc.)				Researcher
4. Graduate Program posts to ARMS (copy n' paste from template)	June 17th	October 19th	February 15th	Administrative Program
5. Faculty Dean's Office (in collaboration with FGS) reviews and approves posting before publishing (posting # created at this time)	July 1st	November 1st	March 1st	Faculty Dean's Office/FGS
6. GA posting assignment pushed to CUPE Jobs website ( <a href="http://www.yorku.ca/cupejobs/">http://www.yorku.ca/cupejobs/</a> )				
7. Student applies to specific posting				Student
8. Hiring unit/faculty member/researcher reviews applications, confirms successful candidate to graduate program and communicates declines				Hiring Unit
9. Graduate Program Assistant creates ETF in CUPE Hiring System, indicates posting # (see line 5) on Comments section of EJE				Student's Home Program
10. FGS compiles all postings available on ARMS, attached CUPE ETF to corresponding posting to reconcile				FGS FLO
11. Hiring unit and graduate student completes GA Workload Form	August 15th	December 15th	April 15th	Hiring Unit
12. Program keeps original workload form in-house, sends copies to CUPE and places FGS copy in shared drive				GPA
13. FGS reviews and approves contract on CUPE Hiring system	September	January	May	FGS
14. Student receives payment	September 25th	January 25th	May 25th	

*FGS is still funding GAs??*

**NOTES:**

\* "Hiring Unit" refers to any parties that would like to hire graduate students as a GA (faculty member, researcher, ORU, etc.)



## Question #8

Are scholarships financed by an endowed gift and matched funds subject to the matched funds being counted towards the fellowship (this question came to us from a donor)?

The University's matching portion counts towards the York Graduate Fellowship.



## Question #9

Will domestic MA funding be provided in two payments every term/every year?

Yes. Received in two installments each term: the 1st before the tuition deadline (approximately 2nd week of term), and the 2nd after confirmation a student will not be taking on a teaching assistant/graduate assistant appointment (approximately 4th week of term). This process repeats itself for the duration of the funding package, in equal installments.



## Question #10

How does funding breakdown for international students who entered their programs on or before 2013?

Pre 2013: students receiving International Tuition Fee Scholarship are treated as domestic students regarding the Fellowship.

2013: students' York Graduate Fellowship amounts are increased to cover the tuition increase.



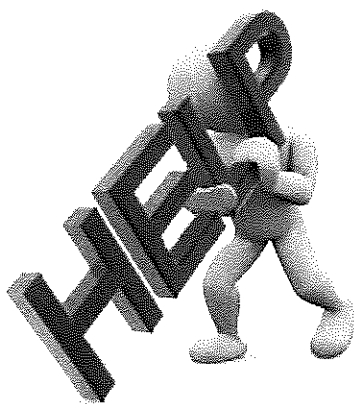
## Question #11

How will students who fall short of their minimum guaranteed funding be made whole (e.g. a domestic PhD who only received a fellowship of \$5,403 and a 0.5 TA)?

No graduate students are expected to fall short in their minimum funding commitments. Graduate programs will work with FGS in order to facilitate meeting students' minimum funding commitments.

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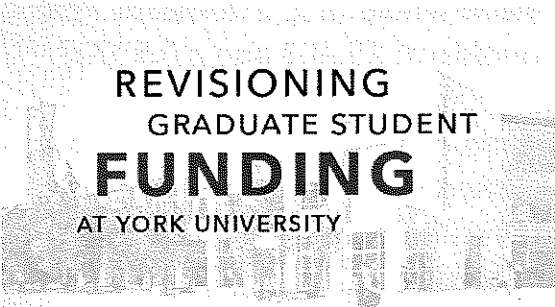
## Graduate Student Funding: Resources



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## Graduate Student Funding: Website/FAQs

Graduate Funding Model



**REVISIONING  
GRADUATE STUDENT  
FUNDING  
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<http://gradstudies.yorku.ca/graduate-funding-model/>

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## Graduate Student Funding: Funding Guide

**Faculty of Graduate Studies**

About FGS   Prospective Students   Incoming Students   **Current Students**   Postdoctoral Fellows   Faculty and Staff

### Understanding your Student Account and Funding Package

The following overview has been developed to assist you in navigating the various financial processes relevant to graduate studies. It is accessible through the tabs below:

Understanding your Student Account   **Understanding your Funding Package**   How do you Receive your Funds?

#### Understanding your Student Account

Graduate students must maintain continuous registration in all terms — Fall, Winter and Summer — until graduation, subject to the Students – Regulations, and must pay the appropriate term fee.

<http://gradstudies.yorku.ca/current-students/student-finances/funding-awards/funding-guide/>

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## Graduate Student Funding: Drop-in Sessions

### Graduate Funding Drop-In Sessions

If you have already spoken to your Graduate Program Assistant (GPA) and have other funding inquiries requiring FGS support, we encourage you to attend a Graduate Funding Drop-In Session. These sessions typically take place every Wednesday afternoon and are designed to help address a broad range of funding and financial support items. No registration is required.

#### 2016-17 Session Dates

**Note:** All sessions take place in 232 York Lanes, just outside the FGS office, unless otherwise stated.

#### December 2016

- Thursday, Dec 1 from 1-2:00 PM
- Tuesday, Dec 6 from 2-3:00 PM (YL 230G)
- Wednesday, Dec 14 from 3-4:00 PM
- Wednesday, Dec 21 from 3-4:00 PM

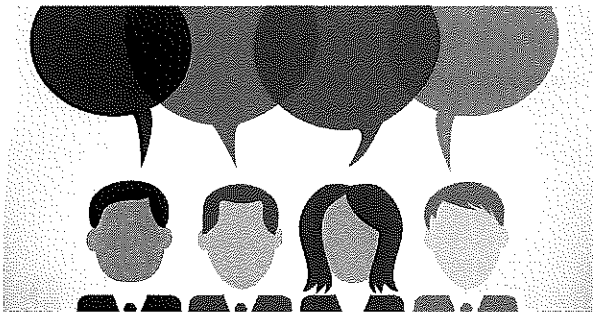
#### January 2017

- Wednesday, Jan 4 from 3-4:00 PM
- Wednesday, Jan 11 from 3-4:00 PM
- Wednesday, Jan 18 from 3-4:00 PM

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## Graduate Student Funding: Ongoing Conversations

Continuing meetings with Student Financial Services since launching the *Understanding your Student Account and Funding Package* guide: Working to make processes more student-centric.



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## Graduate Student Funding: Funding Calculator (under development)

**Grad Funding Calculator**

Home

**Select program, level, status and year.**

**I. Student and Program Study**

Program of Study:

Master's or Doctoral:

Domestic/International:

Year of Study:

Full or Part Time:

	Student Receives	York Contributes	External funding
York Master's Fellowship	0	0	0
Grant-in-Aid	0	0	0
Healthcare	0	0	0
UHIP	0	0	0
Teaching Assistantship	0	0	0
Graduate Assistantship	0	0	0
Vacation Pay	0	0	0
Research Assistantship	0	0	0
Major Scholarships	0	0	0
Program Specific Scholarships & YGS	0	0	0

**II. Major Scholarships**

**III. Employment Bursaries**

**IV. Entrance Scholarships**

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## Graduate Student Funding: Financial Literacy Sessions

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The CPA Profession
Become a CPA
Earn the ACAF
Career and Professional Development
Business and Accounting Resources

### Own your financial future: Managing debt and making credit work for you

Understand credit and learn how to take control of your finances.