

Budgeting for Graduate Students in Research Grant Proposals

Graduate Students can be engaged in research through Graduate Assistantships (GAs) and Research Assistantships (RAs).

Research Assistantships (RA)

Research Assistantships do not have defined hours of work or rates of pay. An RAship is a method through which faculty members can support graduate research that is directly related to a student's area of study.

Graduate Assistantships (GA)

GAs must be budgeted for according to the rates within the CUPE collective agreement. A GA may not work more than 10 hours per week. GAs must be hired for a **minimum** of 135 hours.

The table below outlines the cost of Graduate Assistantships. We encourage you to budget the higher amounts to ensure the availability of funds for any student you wish to engage in your research project.

GA Rates (effective September 1, 2016)		
DOMESTIC		
	0.5 GA	1.0 GA
Salary	\$ 3,466.50	\$ 6,933.00
Grant-in-Aid	\$ 1,819.00	\$ 3,638.00
Graduate Financial Assistance (Lvl 1)	\$ 4,416.00	\$ 4,416.00
Graduate Financial Assistance (Lvl 2 and up)	\$ 4,776.00	\$ 4,776.00
Vacation (4%)	\$ 138.66	\$ 277.32
Health (80%)	\$ 2,884.13	\$ 5,768.26
TOTAL (Level 1)	\$ 12,724.29	\$ 21,032.58
TOTAL (Level 2)	\$ 13,084.29	\$ 21,392.58
VISA		
	0.5 GA	1.0 GA
Salary	\$ 3,466.50	\$ 6,933.00
Grant-in-Aid	\$ 1,819.00	\$ 3,638.00
Graduate Financial Assistance (Lvl 1)	\$ 5,170.00	\$ 5,170.00
Graduate Financial Assistance (Lvl 2 and up)	\$ 5,590.00	\$ 5,590.00
Vacation (4%)	\$ 138.66	\$ 277.32
Health (80%)	\$ 2,884.13	\$ 5,768.26
TOTAL (Level 1)	\$ 13,478.29	\$ 21,786.58
TOTAL (Level 2)	\$ 13,898.29	\$ 22,206.58
Definitions		
Level 1 - for students who have not previously held a GA		
Level 2 and up - for students who have previously held a GA		

Matching Fund Graduate Assistantships (MFGA)

Some matching fund Graduate Assistantships may be available through FGS with FGS providing half of the total value. These positions cannot be guaranteed in advance.

All MFGA positions must be posted and approved through Faculties (usually the Associate Dean Research). GAs under this program may work up to 10 hours per week at the amounts noted above.

Demonstrating York Matching Funds in Research Grant Applications

Many funding competitions require that applicants include matching institutional funds within budgets. The York Fellowship, which is part of each graduate student's funding model, can be leveraged as matching funds. Researchers that budget funds to hire MA or PhD students may reflect the York Fellowship paid to the student as matching funds. These are not funds that become part of the researcher's budget, but are funds that support the student's engagement in research.

York Fellowships vary in amount based on the student's individual circumstances (i.e., domestic vs. international, holding a TAship or not), but there are some general matching fund numbers that can be used for budgeting. Researchers should select the amounts appropriate to the most common way students are funded within their graduate programs.

Standard Fellowship Funding for Graduate Students in Research Degree Programs (non-professional programs)	
MA student, domestic, no TAship	\$10,000
MA student, international, no TAship	\$19,256
MA student, domestic with a TAship	\$5,403
MA student, international with a TAship	\$8,467
PhD student, domestic	\$5,403
PhD student, international	\$7,837

Researchers can include the above matching funds in their research grant applications provided they have budgeted to support that student with a GAship or RAship.