

How does graduate funding work?

Graduate Funding in the Faculty of Arts & Science

The Faculty of Arts & Science (A&S) ensures that all graduate students in the funded cohort receive the A&S Base Funding Package.

What is the Base Funding Package?

Base Amount + Tuition & Fees = The A&S Base Funding Package

The Base Funding Package 2019-20*		
Division	Hum & Soc Sci	Sciences
Base Amount	\$17,500	\$18,000
Tuition & Fees (estimate)	\$8,500	\$8,500
Total Base Funding Package	\$26,000	\$26,500

What are the components of the base funding package?

The composition of Base Funding Packages varies by division, by department and by student. Departments may use the following components to create a funding package for a student:

External Awards	(eg. SSHRC, NSERC, OGS)
TA-ship	maximum \$8,200
RA-ship	may take the form of hourly or stipendiary RA-ships
Other Paid Experience	training opportunities related to the program of study
UTF	an A&S stipend and/or tuition award
Other Awards	e.g. A&S restricted awards, departmental awards

Does every student receive the same amount?

All students receive the Faculty of Arts & Science Base Funding Package. However, packages may exceed A&S base funding depending upon the following factors:

- Which division the student is in – the base amount is higher in the Sciences.
- The availability of TA opportunities in the department.
- Research funding held by faculty which can be used for RA-ships.
- The availability of awards and endowments.
- Competitive offer type awards made by departments.
- Decisions on how to allocate top up funds.

What does a typical base funding package look like?

Typical Base Funding Packages 2019-20 *		
Division	Hum & SocSci	Sciences
TA-ship	\$8,200	\$8,200
RA-ship	\$1,000	\$8,000
UTF	\$16,800	\$10,300
Total	\$26,000	\$26,500

What else affects how much a student receives?

- Major awards, which displace base funding and may exceed the A&S base funding package.
- The TA component of the funding package may change from year to year, though student funding never falls below the A&S base.
- Decisions, based on consultations with graduate students, on how to allocate Program Level Fellowship funds.

Will graduate funding increase in future years?

In 2018, the Faculty of Arts & Science announced a \$1,500 three-year funding increase, which will see the base amount increase to \$18,500 in the Humanities and Social Sciences and \$19,000 in the Sciences by 2021-22. In addition to the base funding package, A&S provides program level fellowship funds at \$1,000 per student in the funded cohort, to be allocated as determined by each graduate unit in consultation with students.

* Reflects estimated domestic tuition and fees. International packages include international tuition and fees.