



Policy Title: **Policy on Major Graduate Scholarships**

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For the purposes of this policy, a “major graduate scholarship” includes, but is not limited to, the following domestic scholarships: NSERC, Vanier, OGS, CREATE, QEII GSST. Any scholarship greater than \$10,000.00 is considered a major scholarship under this policy. Common scholarships for international students such as CSC (China), CNPQ-Brazil, KASP (Saudi Arabia), and EAA (Egypt), do not apply under this policy unless funding from the Faculty/Department or supervisor is being offered.

In no case can the total support per year provided to the student who holds a major graduate scholarship be less than the Faculty of Engineering minimum stipend or the value listed in the admission letter for the student.

If the student is currently enrolled in an Engineering-hosted program and receiving a graduate scholarship from the university, the total stipend currently being provided by the program cannot be reduced by more than \$2,500 per term for each term in which the student holds the award (i.e., maximum stipend adjustment of \$7,500 per year).

If the student is a new applicant who brings with them a major graduate scholarship, the student will normally receive a funding package comparable to a currently enrolled student with the same scholarship. This means the student should receive a research scholarship, departmental scholarship, TA and Dean’s bursary equivalent to a similar student in the department. For the duration of the scholarship, the program can reduce this amount by no more than \$2,500 per term, in the same manner as done for currently enrolled students. Under special circumstances, an incoming student may not be receiving the research and departmental scholarships at this level but then is ineligible for a TA or Dean’s bursary as well.

Total support per year provided to the student cannot be less than the Faculty of Engineering minimum stipend.

Examples:

Minimum Funding*: PhD Domestic Research Student				
NEW APPLICANT/NEW PLAN STUDENT			RETURNING STUDENT	
No Award	With Award	Funding Source	No Award	With Award
-	15,000	External Award	-	15,000
5,803	5,803	TA	5,803	5,803
6,250	6,250	Fac Eng Scholarship	6,250	6,250
2,500	2,500	Dept Grad Scholarship	2,500	2,500
9,955	2,455	Research Scholarship	9,955	2,455
24,508	32,008	TOTAL	24,508	32,008

*Minimum faculty of engineering stipend, Sep/2020: PhD domestic: \$24,508 = 17,500 + 7,008 tuition