

MCB Graduate Student GRA/GTA FAQ

Stipends

	M.Sc. student	Ph.D. student
GRA	\$15,334	\$19,334
GTA	\$6,125.96*	\$6,125.96*
Total stipend	\$21,459.96	\$25,459.96

*GTA rate as of F22

Pay

Stipends are split as equally as possible over three semesters. During semesters when no GTA is completed the GRA portion is increased and when a GTA is completed the GRA is decreased, for example:

\$21,459.96 stipend, fall start:

Fall – no GTA, GRA is \$7,153.32

Winter – GTA is \$6,125.96, GRA is \$1,027.36, total is \$7,153.32

Summer – no GTA, GRA is \$7,153.32

Payroll deducted tuition is possible and must be selected by the student before the semester starts. Deadlines are emailed to students. For payroll deducted tuition, your pay will be reduced over 6 or 7 pays depending on your tuition amount owed. In your planned last semester please consider the timing of your end date before selecting payroll deducted tuition.

OSAP and payroll deducted tuition – if you receive OSAP and it arrives before payroll deducted tuition begins, OSAP will automatically be used for tuition and the payroll deducted tuition selection will be terminated. Financial Needs Assessment forms that need to be completed for OSAP or other award applications should come to Cate Mennega to fill in the GRA/GTA section.

Awards

Students receiving awards valued above \$5,000/yr have the GRA portion of their stipend reduced, but the total annual stipend increased by \$2,000. For examples of stipend calculations with various awards, please see the College website: [How to Fund Your Studies | Associate Dean of Research | College of Biological Science \(uoguelph.ca\)](#)

Please note:

- depending on the value of the award, if you complete a 1.0 GTA your pay will also not be evenly split, for example:

OGS of \$15,000/yr, making total stipend \$23,459.96, fall start:

Fall – no GTA, OGS is \$5,000, GRA is \$1,167, total is \$6,167

Winter – GTA is \$6,125.96, OGS is \$5,000, total is \$11,125.96

Summer – no GTA, OGS is \$5,000, GRA is \$1,167, total is \$6,167

- for high value awards, where the award makes up the full value of your GRA, you will not receive even pay throughout the year. In these cases, the semesters you have a GTA will be higher. We are only able to adjust when the GRA is paid, awards and GTAs are paid fully in the semester applicable.
- if an award comes late in a semester, after the GRA has already been paid, the GRA will remain as originally entered and then will be reduced in later semesters, meaning the 3 semester split won't be even.

Please advise Jillian Cockwell if you receive any external awards, e.g. NSERC or CIHR, as the department is not notified.

You can also choose to pay your tuition with your award by selecting this option through grad settlement. The remaining balance will be deposited to your account.

GTAs

If you have already met your 1.0 GTA obligation for the year (whatever your academic year is, e.g. F,W,S or W,S,F, etc.) and you are still within your program and you apply for and receive an additional GTA assignment, this counts as extra income in addition to your normal stipend. Your GRA will not be reduced in these cases.

More questions?

For Pay or GTA questions contact Cari Bish (cbish@uoguelph.ca).

For all grad program questions contact Jillian Cockwell (cockwelj@uoguelph.ca).