

FACULTY OF FORESTRY
University of Toronto

FINANCIAL SUPPORT/AWARDS POLICY
Ph.D. Programs

The Faculty of Forestry guarantees a minimum financial support package each year for students in the Faculty's "funded cohort" (for PhD, effective September 1, 2006, defined as years 1 through 4 of Ph.D., years 1 plus 4 for M.Sc.F.'s when transferred to Ph.D. from M.Sc.F., and years 1 through 5 for B.Sc./B.A. applicants admitted directly to Ph.D.). Effective September 1, 2016, this support package is valued at \$15,500 plus academic tuition and incidental fees for PhD students.

Financial support packages are made up of a combination of external awards (e.g., NSERC, SSHRC, OGS), University of Toronto and departmental scholarships and fellowships, and/or support from a supervisor's research grants (research assistantships or RA's); the sources for individual packages will differ between students and may vary from year to year. All income from Teaching Assistantships will be supplementary to the guaranteed funding package.

The award value for external award recipients (e.g., NSERC, SSHRC, OGS) in the funded cohort will be considered part of their financial support packages but additional "top-up" departmental funding for some external awards will be provided (see Financial Support Table). External award recipients with awards in excess of \$15,500 are required to pay their own fees from their support package.

The Faculty does not provide funding for years beyond these defined cohort years. Students should consult directly with their supervisors to identify if research assistantship funding may be available from a supervisor's research grants beyond the cohort years but students should note that they are responsible for their own financial planning and support beyond the Faculty's "funded cohort" eligibility limits. Students who are fully-funded through an external financial arrangement (e.g., CONACYT, Commonwealth Scholarship) or on paid employment/internship or educational leave, are ineligible for funding package consideration. Effective September, 2013, PhD domestic students on paid employment may request consideration for Faculty funding of academic tuition and incidental fees during the funded cohort period.

PLEASE NOTE:

- (1) This level of funding is guaranteed, subject to a student's continuing full-time attendance in the appropriate Forestry degree program at the University of Toronto, and to a student's satisfactory performance and progress to the degree and continued eligibility for the support, as determined by the student's supervisory committee and by the Faculty's "funded cohort" definition above.
- (2) While in the funded cohort, students must apply for NSERC/SSHRC, OGS and for any other awards and funding sources for which they are eligible.

If these conditions are not met, a student's cohort funding package may be compromised.

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