

### Recommended Minimum Funding Levels:

The majority of graduate funding packages currently in place at the Dalhousie are intended to help students focus on completion of their degree while offering partial support towards the cost of degree completion. Based on recent feedback, FGS is advocating for improved transparency around actual tuition and living expenses and the required level of funding needed for students to be able to primarily focus on their degree completion without the need to take on additional employment.

The approach to student funding may vary by discipline and depend on whether students are engaged in research or course-intensive programs. Academic units are encouraged to establish clear policies on minimum funding support expectations (when applicable), so that students are able to determine what additional supports and resources they will need to be successful in completion of their degree.

To support these policies, we periodically update the Recommended Minimum Funding Levels needed to enable a graduate student to **substantially cover their degree and cost of living expenses**. These values are based on a Tuition & Incidental Fee + Living Stipend model using the minimum cost of living expectations provided by Dalhousie Money Matters (last updated 2022/2023).

FGS recommends that departments, schools and programs advertising “Full” funding or scholarship support should meet or exceed at least these minimum values. Values below these amounts should refer to the funding package as partial support towards their cost of completing their degree.

Degree Level (Faculty/ITF)	Tuition/Fees	Living Expenses*	Funding / Term	Funding/Year
Doctoral (Arts and Social Sciences)	~\$2,200/term	\$8,000/term	\$10,200.00	\$30,600.00
Doctoral (All others)	~\$2,950/term	\$8,000/term	\$10,950.00	\$32,850.00
Masters (Full Fee, No ITF)	~\$4,250/term	\$8,000/term	\$12,250.00	\$36,750.00
Masters (Full Fee, with thesis ITF)	~\$6,750/term	\$8,000/term	\$14,750.00	\$44,250.00
Masters (Continuing Fee, No ITF)	~\$1,650/term	\$8,000/term	\$9,650.00	\$28,950.00
Masters (Continuing Fee, with thesis ITF)	~\$4,150/term	\$8,000/term	\$12,150.00	\$36,450.00

\*Living expenses approximated at \$8,000/term based on Money Matters estimates. Additional circumstances such as family commitments, accommodation needs and style of living may significantly affect these estimates.

\*Note, table updated with 2022/2023 figures.