A Potential New Model for the Graduate Enhancement of Tri-council Stipends (GETS) Program

**Current Model**

* Funding for a graduate student stipend from a faculty member’s tri-council grant is matched dollar for dollar by the GETS program, subject to the limitations below:
  + Researchers may fund a maximum of one (1) student:
    - maximum of $10,500/yr from GETS for a PhD student
    - maximum of $8,750/yr from GETS for a Master’s student
  + Maximum duration of award: 2 years (Master's) and 4 years (PhD)
  + Students may be funded only within the first 2 years of full-time study at the Master's level, and within the first 4 years at the PhD level
  + Students who transfer to a PhD program without completing a Master's program are eligible for 5 years of finding at the PhD level.
  + Students are eligible to receive a maximum of five years of GETS funding (Master's and PhD combined)

**New Approach**

* $10,500/yr to be allocated to each tri-council grant on an annual basis for the duration of the grant
* This funding
  + may not be carried forward; the maximum funding available per year from GETS is $10,500
  + may only be used when matched dollar for dollar by an eligible tri-council grant
  + must be used exclusively to support graduate students
  + may be used for both stipends and research assistant appointments
    - Initially only Research Assistant appointments on a fixed schedule (not variable hours or derived schedule) will be eligible for GETS funding
  + may be used to support multiple students; however the minimum stipend or appointment is $5,000 ($2,500 from the GETS program)
* Stipends or appointments are subject to the following limitations:
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