

## Rady Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Stipend Top-Up Support Program 2023/2024

Available funds from the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences (RFHS) will be used to offer the RFHS Graduate Stipend Top-Up Support Program. This program will supplement financial support for graduate students who are first enrolled in thesis-based graduate programs within the RFHS, and second, holding stipends received from select external graduate salary programs (see below). The availability of funds for this program will be confirmed annually by the RFHS. In years when funds are available, the RFHS will set the application deadline.

Students receiving RFHS Graduate Stipend Top-Up Support are required to notify the RFHS of any relevant changes to their student status (including but not limited to change in stipend amount, graduation ahead of schedule, and leave of absence from studies) as soon as any changes are to take effect.

### Eligibility

RFHS Graduate Stipend Top-Up Support will be offered to graduate students who are:

1. enrolled full-time in a thesis-based Master's or Doctoral program offered by a College in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba; Ph.D. students enrolled in the Applied Health Sciences program may also be eligible, provided they are supervised by a primary advisor whose primary appointment is within the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences;
2. receiving support from one of the following programs as the **applicant's main source of stipend funding**:
  - a. Faculty of Graduate Studies Graduate Enhancement of Tri-Agency Stipends (GETS);
  - b. University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship (UMGF);
  - c. Tri-Council Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master's or Doctoral Award (CIHR/NSERC/SSHRC).
3. receiving stipend support that when calculated to include the main source of stipend funding (see eligibility criterion 2 above) as well as additional stipend support in the form of the following, does not amount to greater than \$19000 or \$24000 for master's and doctoral students, respectively:
  - I. required advisor contribution/partnering top-up as per the Terms of Reference or Guidelines of the main stipend source,
  - II. institutional top-up awards ([UM-TMSA](#) and [UM Tri-Council Top-up Award](#)), and
  - III. other external stipends.

**Note:** stipend top-ups that are PI-initiated/optional (rather than required as per Terms of Reference or Guidelines of any of the funding programs listed in Point 2 above) are NOT considered in the calculation toward eligibility.
4. supervised by an advisor willing and able to contribute the minimum required amount towards the student's total stipend (see contributions table on next page).

| Program                         | Master's                     |   |  |  | PhD                          |   |   |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------------|---|---|--|
|                                 | Amount from program (yearly) | Advisor Minimum Commitment (yearly)           | RFHS Top-up (yearly)                                       | Student's Minimum Total Stipend (yearly) | Amount from program (yearly) | Advisor Minimum Commitment (yearly)           | RFHS Top-up (yearly)                                      | Student's Minimum Total Stipend (yearly) |
| <b>FGS GETS</b>                 | \$8750                       | ≥\$8750                                       | \$1500   | \$19000                                  | \$10500                      | ≥\$10500                                      | \$3000  | \$24000                                  |
| <b>UMGF</b>                     | \$14000                      | ≥\$2500                                       | \$2500   | \$19000                                  | \$18000                      | ≥\$3000                                       | \$3000  | \$24000                                  |
| <b>Tri-Council Top-up Award</b> | Variable for each student    | ≥0, as required to reach \$19000 <sup>1</sup> | ≥0, as required to reach \$19000, but not to exceed \$5000 | \$19000                                  | Variable for each student    | ≥0, as required to reach \$24000 <sup>1</sup> | ≥0, as required to reach \$24000 but not to exceed \$5000 | \$24000                                  |

<sup>1</sup>Advisors may provide more than the minimum commitment, should they be willing and able to further top-up the student's stipend.