

## School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape (SAPL) Funding Policy

1. For SAPL PhD students, enrolled full time:
  - Who started their program on or after May 1, 2020, the Minimum Doctoral Stipend is \$18,000 annually for four years.
  - Who started their program on or after August 1, 2022, the Minimum Doctoral Stipend for domestic students is \$22,000, and for international students \$24,000 annually for four years.
  - Who started their program on or after January 1, 2026, the Minimum Doctoral Stipend for domestic students is \$31, 426.05 (calculated as follows: base funding of \$27,750 + tuition \$3,676.05); for international students it is \$33,205.65 (calculated as follows: base funding of 27,750 + tuition \$8,575.65).
  - Beginning September 1, 2027, the annual funding amount will be automatically, adjusted annually, as follows: base funding will increase by 2% each year and tuition will increase by the actual change in the University's tuition schedule respectively for domestic and international students.
  - Students who are externally sponsored (i.e. admitted with documented financial support from an external agency meeting the minimum amount) are not normally funded from university sources and are exempted from the Minimum Doctoral Stipend.
2. The Minimum Stipend for Master of Design Research (MDR) thesis students enrolled full time is \$0 annually for the duration of enrolment.
3. Students enrolled full time in SAPL's professional programs including the Master of Architecture, Master of Planning, and Master of Landscape Architecture are not covered by this funding policy.
4. Students enrolled in the SAPL Doctor of Design program are not covered by this funding policy.
5. To be eligible to receive financial support, a student must be registered full time, remain active and in good academic standing in the program:

Students receiving scholarship funding from their supervisor's grant must fulfil their supervisor's reasonable expectation regarding attendance and activity in the research environment.

Employment income as a teaching or research assistant is included in the guaranteed funding amount offered to students. Students must be available to take this employment as a GAT or GANT; otherwise the amount of the GAT or GANT refused will be deducted from the annual funding offered to the student for that academic year.

6. All of the following count toward meeting the student's guaranteed funding amount (i.e. the amount guaranteed in the student's offer of admission):
  - Stipend/scholarship payment from supervisor's research grant
  - GAT/GANT income
  - Research assistantship income from supervisor's research grant
  - **Up to two appointments as a sessional instructor** as outlined in the TUCFA Collective Agreement.
  - External scholarships, including SSHRC/NSERC/CIHR/AIHS/AITF/AGES

- Internal scholarships, including from program, or university competitions such as the Graduate Awards Competition
7. For the duration of the applicable funding stipend (i.e. four years from first registration), SAPL PhD Students are required to apply for all major external scholarships for which they are eligible and would impact the guaranteed stipend. This includes awards over \$5000 such as GAC, AGES, Tri-Council, and Vanier awards.
  8. Success in external and internal scholarship competitions will affect the student's funding in the following way:
    - a. For awards of \$5000 or less, funding as set out in the letter of admission will not be reduced
    - b. For awards of over \$5000, funding as set out in the funding letter will be reduced, so that the student's total funding for the year will be the greater of: (guaranteed funding + \$5000) or (amount of external award)
  9. Students are responsible for paying tuition and fees annually.  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/grad/current/gs-fees-expenses.html>. Students with funding from university sources can apply for a payment plan.  
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/finances/tuition-fees/graduate-student-payment-plan>