

McGill Funding Questions

McGill graduate funding is handled at the academic unit (department, school or institute) level. For that reason, graduate funding varies by amount and type, and varies between academic units and programs. It is recommended that you contact the unit to inquire about funding opportunities, to determine how funding works within that unit.

The following list of questions is not an exhaustive list, but a sample to guide you. Please note that not all questions may be applicable to the academic unit or program you are applying to.

As with any institution offering you assistance, remember to record the name of the person you speak to and the date that you called them in case you need to follow up with them in future.

You should ask the unit:

1. Is it best to ask you about funding questions over the phone, by email or is there a website containing this information?

2. Whom should I speak with from this department to discuss funding opportunities for graduate students?

(When you reach the person responsible for answering funding questions):

3. What funding is available to me?

4. Is there a minimum funding guarantee? If so, what is the amount?

5. What might funding include within the department?

- Teaching assistantships (TA)
- Research assistantships (RA)
- Graduate fellowships
- Departmental and faculty awards
- Stipends from McGill faculty members' research grants or research contracts

6. How are funding amounts decided?

7. Will I be automatically considered for all McGill funding opportunities? Are there any specific awards I have to apply to?

8. If I have to apply, where do I apply? Who do I send my application to?

9. Is multi-year funding available within this department? If so, how many years does it cover? Are there conditions to renewing the funding from year to year? Can it be terminated/revoked? If so, on what basis?

10. How are fellowship decisions made?

11. Are there stipends available, and how do they work? A stipend is support paid from the research supervisor's research grant.

12. Are teaching and/or research assistantships available in the unit?

13. How are assistantships assigned?

14. What happens if I'm starting at McGill with external funding already granted to me? What are the departmental policies around internal funding in this situation?

15. If I come in with federal or provincial fellowships, will it be supplemented with additional funding?
