

Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies



Graduate Funding Student Orientation Fall 2023

<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding>

GPS Graduate Funding Unit's role

- Dissemination of information for All types of graduate funding including,
 - International Student funding,
 - Federal and Provincial funding,
 - Sponsorships,
 - Internships,
- Adjudication and processing of centrally-administered fellowships and awards from GPS-run competitions
- Development of policies regarding graduate student funding and student eligibility
- Advocate for students

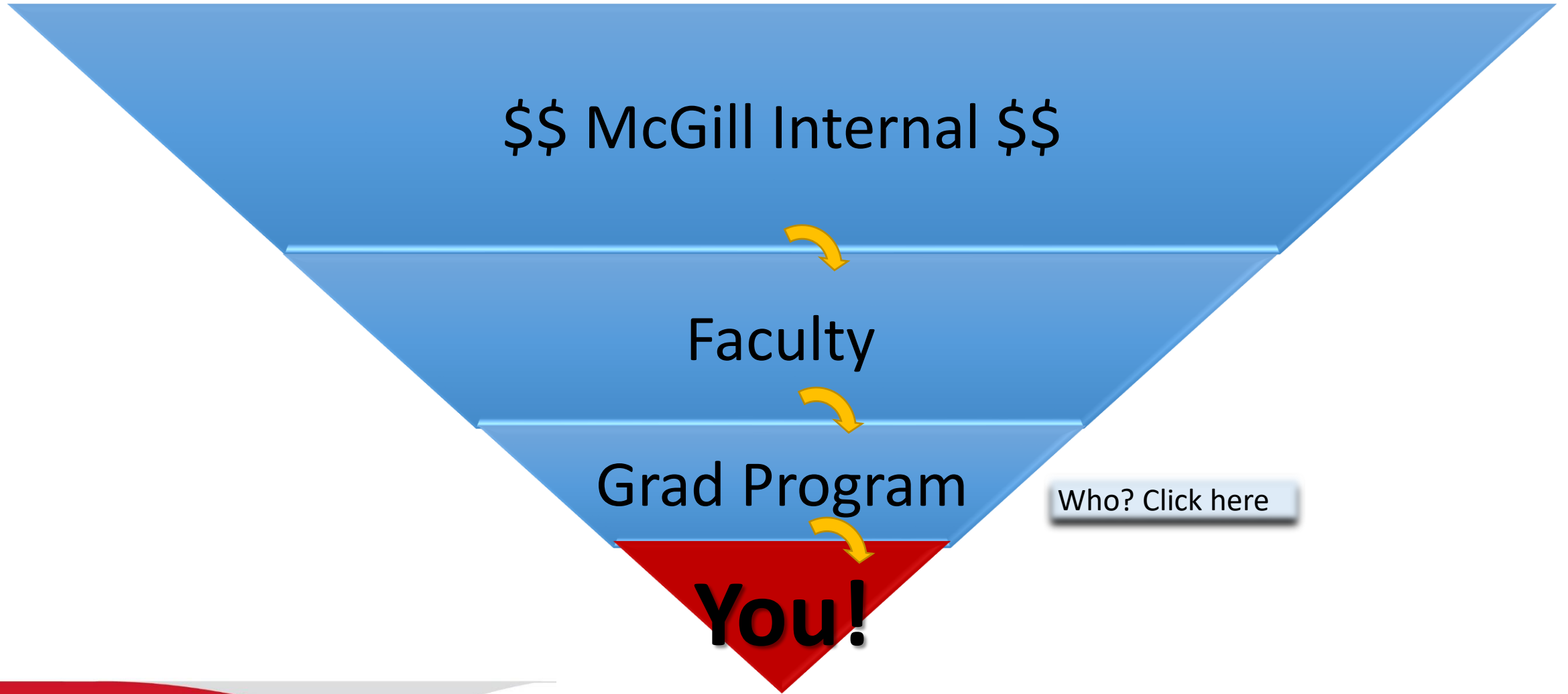
2 Types of Funding

Internal

Financial support distributed by the University, which comes from McGill central funds, endowments, donations and professors' research grants. Some opportunities are available for which a separate application needs to be submitted, but for most internal funds, students receive a funding letter outlining their funding package at the time of admission.

- All PhD students receive a standardized funding letter. [Learn more about funding letters on our website.](#)
- Employment possibilities such as Research or Teaching Assistantships may be also available. Note that funds received for these are considered **salary for employment** and are subject to the corresponding Union's collective agreements.

Graduate Funding – Internal funds



Who? Click here

2 Types of Funding

External

Federal Tri-Agency (Masters & Doctoral)

- NSERC – CRSNG (Natural Science & Engineering)
- CIHR – IRSC (Health Research)
- SSHRC – CRSH (Social Science & Humanities)



Canadian & Perm. Res. Only
Nominated by Unit,
GPS forwards to agency



CIHR IRSC

SSHRC CRSH

Provincial Agencies (Masters & Doctoral)

- FRQNT (Natural Science & Engineering)
- FRQS (Health Research)
- FRQSC (Social Science & Humanities)



NO citizenship restrictions!
Apply directly to agency, not
through GPS



**Anyone submitting an application to one of the Provincial agencies are required to send the application number to their Unit*

Many other foundations or private enterprises offer student support.

Speak with your supervisor! Visit our [website](#)! Google!

Travel awards

- Internal or external
- Most require some type of application
- GREAT
- CGS award holders-MSFSS



<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/travel>



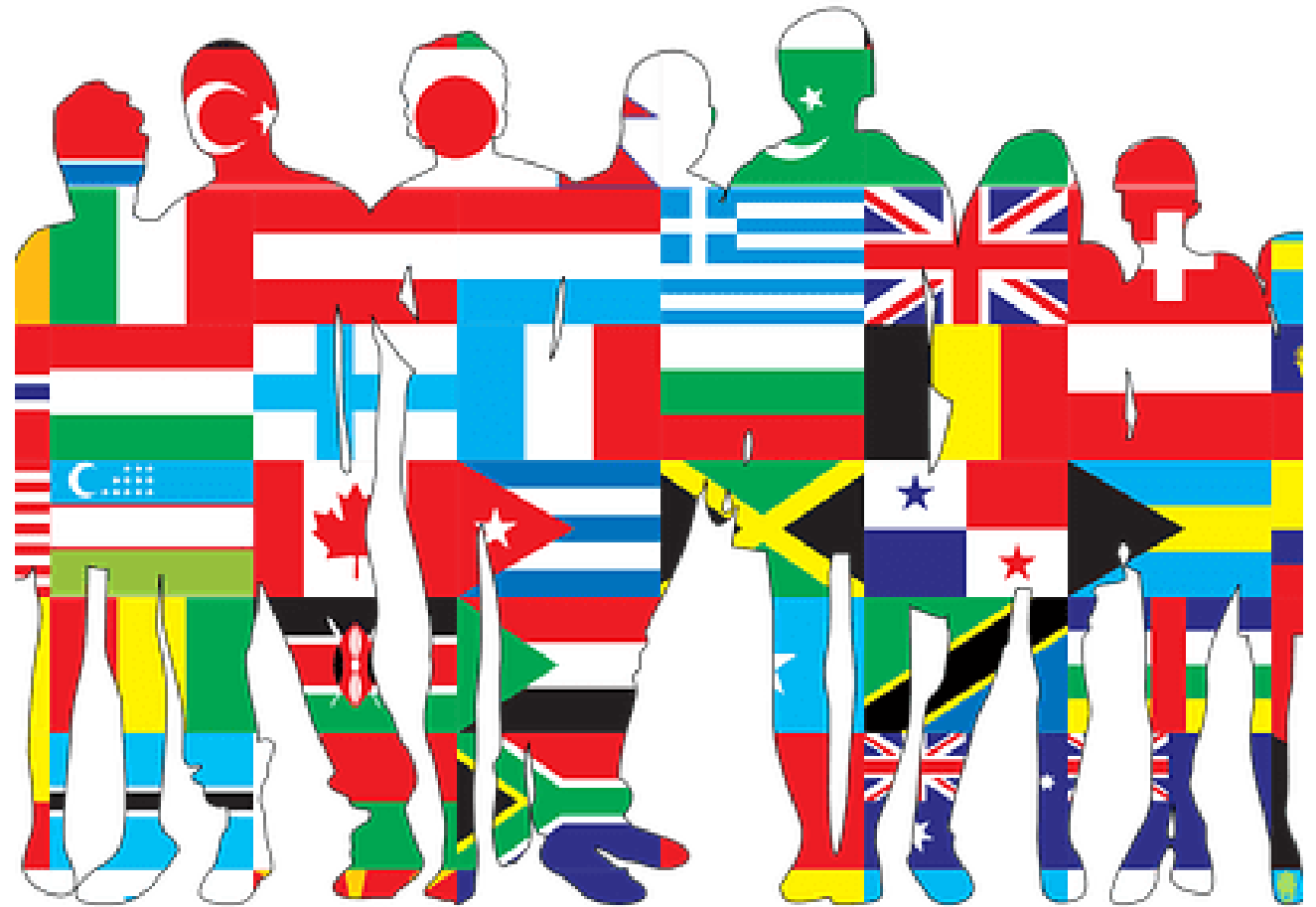
Student Information Webinars

<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/maximize-my-chances>

Check your
McGill
email! Often!

Info Session	Dates
Tri-Agency Doctoral Canada Graduate Scholarships (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR)	29 August 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Intro to Provincial-FRQ <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doctoral• Master's	30 August 2023 at 4:00 p.m. 31 August 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
Tri-Agency Master's Canada Graduate Scholarships (NSERC, SSHRC & CIHR)	20 October 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
CIHR Doctoral (webinars given by CIHR staff)	English sessions - Date & time TBD French sessions - Date & time TBD
NSERC Doctoral (Q&A session by NSERC staff)	14 September 2023 at 10:00am

Funding for International Students:



Sponsorships

- GPS International Funding Agreements
- Co-funded by McGill and an international agency abroad
- For Incoming and First Year students
- Usually covers
 - Tuition
 - International Health Insurance
 - Annual living allowance



<https://mcgill.ca/gps/funding/international>

Differential Fee Waivers (DFWs) – External

- Quebec exemptions from foreign student differential tuition fees
- Bilateral Agreements with foreign countries and Quebec



- Students apply through their [country's designated agency](#)
- **Beware:** Deadlines vary by country.

Internship Funding Opportunities



- [Doctoral Internship Program](#) (DIP)
- [FRQNT](#) at a College Technology Transfer Centre, [MITACS](#) internships, and many [others](#)

Program specific:

- [Graduate Internship Program for Engineering and Computer Science](#) (GrIPECS)
- [Practera](#): McGill STEM Industry Project

[Internship Funding Opportunities webpage](#)

Doctoral Internship Program (DIP)

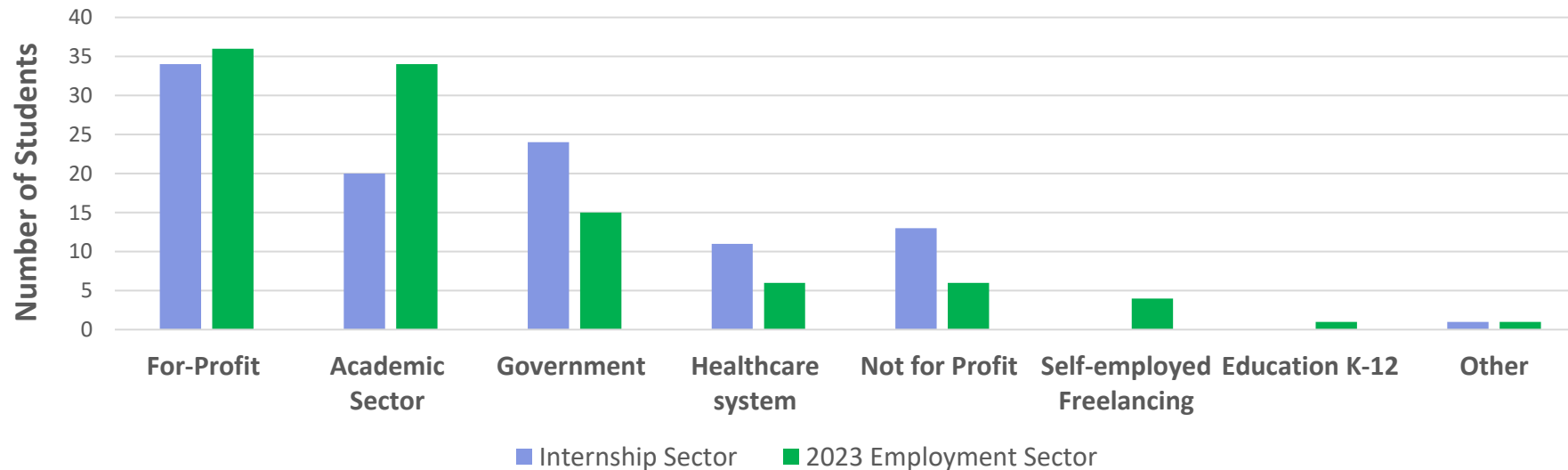
- All doctoral programs are eligible to apply
- PhD6 or earlier
- **In-course applications** are accepted with supervisor support and up to date myProgress milestones
- **End of degree applications** are accepted for internships between initial thesis submission and defense



7 out of 10 interns are currently working in the **same sector or field** they interned in

42% of interns **were later hired** by the organizations they interned with

Internship Sector compared to 2023 Employment Sector



Getting Paid

External Fellowships: Fellowships are awarded directly to students by granting agencies, with McGill issuing the payments.

- GPS is responsible for disbursing Tri-Agency Fellowships (NSERC, SSHRC and CIHR)
- **Most** all other awards are disbursed by Academic unit

Note: If unsure contact your Graduate Program Coordinator.

If you need to contact us, email graduatefunding.gps@mcgill.ca and attach a copy of your Notice of Award.

Remember: Include your McGill ID NUMBER

Teaching Assistant (TA) or Research Assistant (RA) : Processed through the academic unit – Considered salary for employment, not an award.

Stipends: Paid from a research grant for the student to work on their thesis research which is part of the research program of the professor's grant.

- Payments processed by the academic unit

Avoid delays

- Make sure registration is up to date BEFORE the beginning of the term the award is covering. For internal awards, you must be registered for both Fall AND Winter terms for your funding to be processed.
- Submit required documentation to appropriate unit/office (ie: final grades from previous degree)
- Update banking information and mailing address on Minerva

<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/getting-paid>

Funding Weblinks to bookmark

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding>
 - <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/opportunities>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/understanding-my-funding-letter>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/internship-funding-opportunities>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/international>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/travel>
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/maximize-my-chances>
 - [Student Info Sessions / Webinar Registration](#)
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/getting-paid>

Resources

- **Workshops and Webinars**

- Offer support in all aspects of the external funding application process and help maximize your chances
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/funding/maximize-my-chances>

- **SKILLSETS**

- Suite of workshops designed for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows to complement research training
- <https://www.mcgill.ca/skillsets>

- **Tips for writing a research proposal**

- <https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/research-tracking/proposals>

Staying Happy and Healthy at McGill

McGill offers a wide range of resources to support your wellbeing during graduate studies. These resources are there for you, don't hesitate to make use of them! Scan the QR code below to see a selection of McGill's best services for graduate student wellbeing:



<https://www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/staying-happy-and-healthy-graduate-studies>



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