

WGRS funding allocation at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry

**WGRS funding:** All students enrolled in a **thesis based** graduate program (that receive a stipend by a supervisor) will receive “WGRS” throughout their eligible period (6 terms MSC, 12 terms PhD, 15 terms for “roll-over” and direct entry PhD students).

WGRS amounts are **\$7,000** per year per **domestic PhD student** within the eligible period and **\$3,000 for domestic Master students** within the eligible period\*.

All **International PhD students** will receive a WGRS of **\$4,500** - programs need to decide about the amount of the total funding package for international PhD students (equal to domestic or lower). If funded by a scholarship same rules as above apply (100%/50%/0%).

All **international Master students** receive **\$10,800** WGRS.

**WGRS reduction due to scholarships:** Graduate students with a scholarship equal or exceeding \$30,000 will receive 50% (\$3,500) WGRS, if the scholarship equals or exceeds \$40,000, they will receive no WGRS.

**Exceptions** to the above can be for self-funded students that receive scholarships from their home country and are not eligible for WGRS. Also, Medical Biophysics have opted out of the Schulich plan, and might have different WGRS amounts. Reductions due to scholarships still apply (100%/50%/0%).

**Timing** of annual funding is also important. Start dates for funding is the start of the students annual funding period. If a student receives two scholarships during the time of their annual funding period the total scholarship per term is calculated, and if it is equal/exceeds 10,000 per term then the WGRS of the respective term will be reduced to 50%. Where the amount is equal/exceeds \$13,333.33 per term, the respective WGRS amount will be reduced to 0%. If a student is being paid in a lump sum, for any amount over \$10,000, the value of the award should still be distributed over 3 terms from the start date of the scholarship for calculating the WGRS. For example, we have a few scholarships that are given out in January for the amount of \$25,000 in one lump sum. Those scholarships can be allocated as 1/3 of the value of the whole scholarship in each term after the start date of the scholarship (January, May and September of that year). This would lead to an allocation of \$8,333 per term and therefore not to any WGRS reductions. However, should this student win an additional OGS award of \$5,000 per term, any term where these two scholarships overlap, \$13,333 of scholarship is allocated, and therefore the student would not receive WGRS for these terms.

A new funding needs to be issued informing students of the different components of their funding package.