Policy on Student Funding

Preamble

In order to attract the best and brightest trainees, the Department of Medicine offers a fair and competitive remuneration policy.

Student Stipend

Graduate students in the Department of Medicine will receive financial assistance of \$29,645.00 per year to allow them to focus on their education and training as it relates to their own thesis or directed research project until completion.

Students are not permitted to voluntarily forego salary support. Some exceptions may apply (i.e. already receiving a salary) and will be reviewed on a case-to-case basis for the Graduate Coordinator's approval.

Graduate students are strongly encouraged to apply for additional funding, such as studentships, fellowships, awards, and scholarships, to take some of the burden off of the supervisor. Salary support may be adjusted if additional funding is received.

Graduate student appointments will be arranged as Graduate Research Assistantship Fellowships (GRAF) as per the <u>collective agreement</u> negotiated by the Graduate Students' Association.

Part time students will receive salaries proportional to their time commitment in the graduate program.

The stipend provided will include funds to use towards their tuition. Supervisors are not required to provide additional tuition assistance on top of the stipend.

Where a GRAF's performance is considered less than satisfactory, this may negatively affect the financial assistance for the remainder of their graduate studies.

Effective Date

This policy will take effect for all students admitted as of September 1, 2015. Supervisors are encouraged but not required to adopt these policies for graduate students appointed prior to this policy.

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