Graduate Student Funding and Fees

Please note: Those services and resources that are currently not available due to the COVID-19 Pandemic are italicized. Access to all other services and resources continues.

Graduate student tuition and fees contribute to the cost of direct and indirect services, resources, and supports that assist you in completion of your graduate degree.

In addition to covering the obvious costs associated with the formal requirements of your degree program, such as courses, milestones, and seminars, your tuition and fees also cover the costs of a wide range of services, resources, and supports. Some are no longer available under the essential services model imposed by the province, but the majority of them continue to operate as normal or have been adapted to the circumstances. In addition, new resources continue to be developed to help and support students in the current situation.

We encourage you to take advantage of all the services supported by your tuition and fees, whether you find yourself in need of financial or wellness supports, or you find yourself able to focus on new areas of scholarly or professional development as you self-isolate.

**Academic Supports and Resources**

- Development and delivery of courses to meet your program’s learning outcomes:
  - Evaluation of learning in alignment with program and course learning outcomes;
  - Development, delivery, and evaluation of program milestones, such as comprehensive and qualifying exams, and thesis exams.
  - In the current environment this has included moving courses online and adapting assignments to allow students to progress as much as possible while maintaining our program standards.
- In research-based programs, one-on-one supervision, mentoring and expert consultation from your supervisor(s) and supervisory committee; support and guidance from supervisory committee members or second readers; ongoing review and feedback of progress.
- In professional graduate programs, mentorship in development of professional competencies.
- **Arrangement and administration of practica, internships and placements.**

**Administrative Services and Support**

- Administrative support from your Graduate Program Coordinator/Assistant and Graduate Chair.
- Administrative support from the School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SGPS) and from the Faculty delivering your program.
- Informational support from the Office of the Registrar.
Scholarly Development Resources
- Access to a wide array of library resources, including a vast selection of electronic scholarly journals and publications; support from librarians in identifying and accessing scholarly materials, including access to resources at other universities.
- Access to courses at other universities in Ontario through the Ontario Visiting Graduate Student program, administered through SGPS.

Scholarship and Financial Support
- Scholarship application development support from SGPS, your Graduate Program, and your Faculty.
- Access to needs-based bursaries.
- Access to donor-funded scholarships and awards.
- Administration of scholarships and bursaries.
- Access to financial counselling from the Office of the Registrar.

Information Technology Supports and Resources
- Information technology support and IT helpdesk support.
- Access to Microsoft Office and OneDrive.
- Access to program-specific educational software
- Access to professional research-related software, such as Matlab, SAS, SPSS, NVivo, and Qualtrics.
- Campus-wide wireless internet.

Professional Development Resources
- Access to a wide range of professional development opportunities and workshops, including “Own Your Future” for doctoral students.
- Access to writing support services and career counselling.
- Access to experiential learning resources, supports and opportunities, such as internships.

Wellness and Thriving Services
- Access to health care and wellness services.
- Access to counselling and psychiatry services.
- Access to accessible education supports.

Internationalization Services and Supports
- Access to information and supports regarding study permits and immigration matters.
- Supports for international dual-degree studies.
- Access to supports and resources for international students.

Graduate Student Supports and Resources for Graduate Students
- Access to the supports and services provided by the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS), including bursaries, and health and dental plans.
• Benefits from the advocacy of SOGS at the university, provincial, and national levels.
• Access to The Grad Club

Buildings and Physical Resources:
• Access to research laboratories and equipment.
• Access to libraries, library holdings, and specialized collections
• Access to high-performance computer/technology centres.
• Access to specialized facilities, such as practice rooms, and studios.
• Access to formal and informal meeting rooms/space.
• Access to dedicated student work/study space.
• Access to campus recreation facilities.

New Opportunities
Please visit grad.uwo.ca/covid regularly to access new opportunities as they become available.