

Doctoral Completion Awards Guidelines for Distribution

Every year, the School of Graduate Studies provides units with a certain amount of money to be distributed to students beyond the funded cohort. This is called the Doctoral Completion Award. These funds are very limited and vary from year to year. To allocate these funds in the most equitable way possible, the Faculty of Law will apply, whenever possible, the following criteria to determine the amount to be distributed to each student:

- 1) The application must meet the criteria established by the School of Graduation Studies which means an applicant must be:
 - beyond the funded cohort as established by graduate unit practice
 - within time limit for the degree
 - in good academic standing as defined by the graduate unit
 - a full-time PhD or SJD student (DMA, EdD, and flexible-time PhD students are ineligible).
- 2) There must be financial need (as defined by the [SGS Financial Need Assessment Form](#))
- 3) The sum of any other funding granted to the applicant in the DCA year must be less than the normal funding package (\$15,000 plus tuition and fees) that would have been provided to the student if s/he were still in the funded cohort.

An SJD student who meets these three criteria will be eligible for the DCA. Whenever possible, and considering the funds available, the individual amounts will be calculated as follows:

- a) The DCA will be the difference between the sum of any other funding awards in the DCA year and the normal SJD funding package.
- b) The DCA funding will be capped at the level of the student's financial need (as defined by the SGS Financial Need Assessment Form). In other words, if the amount determined

by item a) is higher than the student's financial need, the student will be granted only the amount needed.

- c) If the student's financial need exceeds the difference in item a), the student will receive a top up of \$2,500 in addition to the amount determined by item a).

Please note that depending on the amount you receive from the DCA, you will not be eligible for the Tuition Assistance Fund.

NOTE: Doctoral Completion Funding is always subject to available funds.