



AWARDS POLICY

The University of Toronto and the Faculty of Law make available internal fellowships and awards for Law graduate students. Some of these awards are limited to certain groups, subject areas or target countries, but others are more general. These awards are described on our website:

<https://www.law.utoronto.ca/admissions/graduate-admissions/graduate-program-fees-and-financing/graduate-fellowships-and-awards>

All fellowships are generally awarded on the basis of academic excellence and demonstrated need.

SJD Students

In accordance with the policy of the University of Toronto, the Faculty of Law guarantees doctoral students a funding package of tuition and fees plus \$15,000 annually over three years. Financial support is conditional upon the student being in full-time residence (subject to reasonable vacations and approved leaves); abiding by the constraints of the number of hours of employment which are consistent with maintaining full time status; making good progress in the program; not being in violation of the Code of Student Conduct; and applying each year for support from generally available external awards (e.g. SSHRC and OGS). This latter condition ensures that we maximize our level of external support thus enabling us to allocate our resources most effectively.

LLM Students

While resources are increasing, the Faculty is not in a position to offer funding to all worthy LLM applicants to the Faculty. The Faculty does make offers of admission without financial support and is aware that not all those who receive such an offer will be able to accept it.

External Awards

Applicants must declare other awards for which they have applied, and must keep the Faculty informed of any outside awards that are secured. The funding package will be revised in light of a candidate's receipt of external awards, but the student will generally be "topped up" an additional amount over and above the guaranteed funding. The amount of the top-up, if any, is at the discretion of the Faculty, taking into account factors including the amount of funding available, the amount of the external award, the number of other students in need, considerations of equity between similarly situated students, and other factors.

Because our resources vary from year to year, as do the kinds of awards our students obtain, it is impossible to establish in advance criteria that will make predictable what the top-ups will amount to. Generally speaking, we will try to ensure that two people with the same award, e.g. Connaught or SSHRC, receive the same amount of funding. But since in each case we have to take into account the individual's circumstances together with the overall principle of fairness to other students, there can be no fixed rules. All we can guarantee is our willingness to justify decisions to students on an individual basis. Where necessary, we will take steps to rectify any problems of which we are made aware.

Teaching Assistantships

Generally, there are no Teaching Assistantships available within the Faculty of Law since the Faculty does not use teaching assistants in its undergraduate JD program. But where opportunities arise for paid teaching assistance, such as the SJD Advisor program, our policy is not to redistribute this type of remuneration.

University Assistance

The School of Graduate Studies administers a variety of scholarships and awards year-round - please review:

<http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/Scholarships-and-Awards.aspx>

Financial Assistance: Completion Grants and Emergency Funding

The School of Graduate Studies administers an Emergency Loan, Emergency Grant, Master's Tuition Fee Bursary and Accessibility Grant – please review:

<http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/Financial-Aid-and-Counselling.aspx>

Travel Grants

The Faculty has limited funds available to sponsor graduate students to travel to conferences to present aspects of their graduate research. Usually the Faculty subsidizes a portion of the total cost of attending the conference. Applicants must be presenting a paper at the conference; travel grants are not available to support students to attend conferences where they are not presenting.

Doctoral students should note that the School of Graduate Studies administers an SGS Research Travel Grant every year:

<http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/currentstudents/Pages/SGS-Research-Travel-Grant.aspx>