

**SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS (SGSPA)**  
**GRADUATE ENTRANCE TUITION AWARD (GETA)**  
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2025-2026**

1. Graduate Entrance Tuition Awards (GETAs) are distributed to eligible Master's and Doctoral students in all fields in graduate programs in the SGSPA, on the recommendation of a Department, Program, School, or Faculty to the SGSPA. The award is given to an incoming graduate student with an average of at least A- (A minus) (or equivalent) in each of the last two years.
2. The amount of the GETA is equivalent to the current academic year's domestic tuition fee, to a maximum amount of the approved standard tuition fee for domestic Master's/Doctoral students rounded up to the nearest dollar amount, which is \$5773.00 in 2025-2026.
3. The value of the GETA is \$5773.00 for all GETA recipients, even if the domestic tuition fee paid is greater than \$5773.00.
4. Holders of a GETA are eligible for a maximum of \$23,000 from internal funding from the SGSPA, excluding Queen's Graduate Awards (QGAs), over and above the value of the GETA.
5. GETA holders must be registered as full-time Master's or Doctoral students. If study status changes to part-time, the award will be cancelled. GETAs will be paid to full-time **off-campus** students only if the appropriate Department/Program and SGSPA have approved this study status.
6. If the GETA recipient withdraws during the tenure of the award, repayment of some or all of the GETA will be required, based on the date of withdrawal.
7. If a GETA installment is issued to a student who is subsequently determined to be ineligible to receive that installment, that installment must be refunded. It is the student's responsibility to return the installment as soon as possible. Students should be aware that to reclaim the installment, the SGSPA will cancel or reverse any direct deposit transaction through the student's fees account. If the SGSPA cancels or reverses a direct deposit transaction, the SGSPA shall inform the student that this action has been taken. If the transaction cannot be cancelled or reversed, it is the student's responsibility to repay the award or award instalment as soon as possible.
8. Students beyond the first year of a Master's or Doctoral program are not eligible for this award.
9. The usual start date of any award is September of the academic year. However, the start date may be commensurate with the start date of a degree program i.e. September, January or May. The total amount of the award will be pro-rated to reflect the actual start date, and the length of remainder of academic year.
10. All awards (awards, scholarships, fellowships, prizes, etc.) have to be reported appropriately to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). In most cases, scholarships, fellowships, and/or bursaries are

not taxable, if the recipient was enrolled as a student in a program that entitles the person to claim the education amount on tax information, as defined by CRA. More information on this topic may be found at CRA's website, <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/publications/p105/p105-students-income-tax.html>. In some rare circumstances (outlined on CRA's website), this award or portions of it may be taxed. Tax is not deducted from the award by the SGSPA or Queen's University.

11. GETAs are not transferable from one Department/Program to another. This award can only be held in the Department/Program that initially recommended the student for this funding.
12. The GETA is a one year award only, to be held in the student's first year in the graduate program. The GETA is not renewable.
13. GETAs must be awarded to domestic, full-time, funding-eligible students.
14. The GETA may constitute a portion of guaranteed financial support within a Department/Program.