SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND POSTDOCTORAL AFFAIRS (SGSPA)
INTERNATIONAL TUITION AWARD (ITA)
2025-26 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. In 2025-26, new (Year 1 as of September 2025) eligible Master's students will receive an International Tuition Award (ITA), provided they also maintain full time registration in the designated graduate department/program and international student status. Awarding of an ITA (or equivalent) to an international Master's student is at the department's/program's discretion.

2. ITAs are awarded to eligible Master's students on the recommendation of designated departments/programs only, to the SGSPA.

3. Students beyond the first year of a one year Master's program, or beyond the second year of a two year Master's program, are not eligible for this funding.

4. The value of an ITA is $5,000. Holders of an ITA are eligible for a maximum of $20,000 from internal funding from the SGSPA, excluding Queen's Graduate Awards (QGAs), over and above the value of the ITA.

5. The award will be paid by the SGSPA directly to the recipient's bank account of record, in three instalments, once per term for the academic year.

6. 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 the degree program ie. 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 the academic year.

7. ITA holders must be registered as fulltime Master's students. If study status changes to part-time, the ITA will be cancelled. ITAs will be paid to fulltime **off campus** students only if the department/programs, and the SGSPA, have approved this study status.

8. If a student's status in Canada changes during the term, the change must be reported, with supporting documents, to the Office of the University Registrar. Documentation of any change in status must be provided before the Ontario government enrolment count dates to affect fees for that term (1 November, 1 February, 30 June and 23 July).

9. Students, who receive Permanent Resident status or Canadian citizenship during the tenure of this award, will become ineligible for the award, and the award will be cancelled and/or adjusted accordingly.

10. The ITA amount will be adjusted accordingly and/or cancelled if a student completes or withdraws from their degree program during the tenure of the award.

11. If an ITA instalment is issued to a student who is subsequently determined to be ineligible to receive it, that instalment must be refunded. To reclaim an award or award instalment from a student who is ineligible to receive it, 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.

12. ITAs are *not transferable* from one department to another. ITAs can only be held in the designated department that initially recommended the student for this funding.

13. 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.

14. The ITA may constitute a portion of guaranteed financial support within a department/program.