Student Policy - Bursaries

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The School has limited financial resources so most students are self-supporting and finance their studies through part-time work and student loans. Only students on the full-time tuition payment schedule are eligible for the scholarships / support mentioned below.

Scholarships/awards/prizes within the School

These are awarded on the basis of academic performance. Top-ranked applicants will be considered automatically for scholarships, which range in value from approximately $1,000 to $3,500. The majority of these scholarships will be awarded in the late summer or early fall of each year. Most of these scholarships are based on GPA. Since these scholarships are assigned automatically there is no need to apply - we do all the work for you.

Social work awards and prizes are assigned in April or May of each year and are based on performance in course work and field placements. Again, there is no need to apply for most of these awards. Two awards do require application and this is advertised to students at the appropriate time during the school year.

Other scholarships and awards

Students are responsible for researching external funding opportunities, although the School will forward any relevant email announcements received. Useful websites include:

https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/current-students?tid=5
http://www.studentawards.com,
http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml
http://www.scholarshipscanada.com/
http://disabilityawards.ca/
http://www.bcscholarship.ca/web/aboriginal
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**Loans**

Information on how to apply for funding through the federal Canada Student Loans program or the provincial Student Aid BC programs is at http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/welcome.htm and also can be obtained from UBC's Student Financial Assistance and Awards office at http://www.students.ubc.ca/finance/loans.cfm.

**Teaching Assistant positions**

A small number of TA positions are available each year. TA positions are union positions and are advertised on the School of Social Work website by March 31st each year as per CUPE 2278 regulations. These positions are available for full-time students registered in the MSW or PhD programs. Application procedures, forms, details of positions available, and application deadlines are posted on our website at that time.

**Research Assistant positions**

RA positions are normally not advertised. If you are interested in becoming an RA, view the individual faculty members' research interests on our website and contact them directly to ask if they have any available positions.

**Cost Calculator**

Students may find it useful to refer to the Faculty of Graduate Studies' cost calculator at https://www.grad.ubc.ca/prospective-students/tuition-fees-cost-living/cost-living

**Student Forms** [Student Caucus CASWE Conference funding - Application Form](#)

- [Student Caucus CASWE Conference Funds Policy](#)
- [Student Application Form for Conference Funds](#)
- Student Conference Funds - Policy
- Student Application Form for International Placement
- Student International Placement - Funding Policy
- Community Care Research Fund - Graduate Students - Policy for Application
- Change of Supervisor Form
- Teaching Assistant Application Form
- Research Ethics Process forms Doc
- Thesis Data Doc