

**SFU**  
**Graduate Program in Criminology**  
**PhD Minimum Funding Policy**

This program-level funding policy has been developed to accompany [GGR 1.17](#).

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- · Criminology Graduate Program Committee on December 12, 2023.
- · Graduate Studies on January 25, 2024

The primary goal in the development of a minimum funding guarantee is equity, which the graduate program in The School of Criminology defines as fairness and justice in the allocation of funding resources within the School with the goal of enabling impartial outcomes.

Minimum funding in the PhD program has been established to support students who are not engaged in professional work. Students who are working professionals will not receive a minimum funding guarantee. For the purposes of this policy, a working professional is defined as an individual who has completed formal, specialized education or training in a particular area and/or has recognized competence in that area, and is employed in a job where their specialized knowledge is required. This includes, but is not limited to, professions such as teacher, counselor, consultant, accountant, management consultant, electrician, analyst, plumber, engineer or physician. All inquiries about what constitutes professional work should be directed toward Graduate Studies.


1. Students enrolled in the PhD program in Criminology are expected to complete the program in four years. Students in the program will be funded for a minimum of

program, and meeting the supervisor's reasonable expectations as  
annual progress review (usually completed via the Graduate Progress  
and funding may also be contingent on students applying for major  
awards for which they are eligible. In particular, the School strongly  
encourages eligible students to apply for applicable Tri-Council

<sup>1</sup> funding in each of  
their first three years in the PhD program. Students are reminded that certain awards  
may not be available after their first year of PhD studies, and that awards are generally  
granted for shorter terms after the first year PhD studies.

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<sup>1</sup> The three Tri-Council funding agencies in Canada are the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC).



5. All of the following count toward meeting the student's minimum guaranteed funding amount:

- A. PhD Research Scholarship<sup>2</sup>
- B. Graduate Fellowships
- C. A minimum average of 10.34 base units of Teaching Assistant (TA) funding per year
  - x Students are not required to TA. However, if students choose not to TA, the allocation of money associated with TAing will not be replaced by other funding. Please note that students must apply for TA positions each semester. The School of Criminology cannot guarantee that students will be offered their choice of TA positions, but it will do its best to take student preferences into account

Income from the following sources may<sup>2</sup> count toward meeting the student's minimum