



SFU  
Graduate Program in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies  
PhD Minimum Funding Policy

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

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Minimum funding in the PhD program has been established to support students who are not engaged in professional work. Students who are working professionals might receive a minimum funding guarantee. For the purposes of this policy, a student is considered a professional if they have a degree in a field related to their current employment 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.

1. Students enrolled in the PhD program in Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies are expected to complete the program in 6 terms. Students in the program will be funded for a minimum of 12 terms. The first 6 terms of funding will be provided for the first 6 terms the next 6 terms will be self-funded.

2. The funding policy will be reviewed and updated as needed. The most current version of the policy will prevail.
3. Students will receive guaranteed minimum funding in the amount of \$28,000 per year for the term of the funding guarantee provided in 1.
4. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, and demonstrate satisfactory progress in the program.

