

## **Frequently Asked Questions - PhD Tuition Fee Award**

**I started my master's program in September 2007 and plan to complete my master's degree and then start a PhD at UBC in September 2010. Will I be eligible for the PhD Tuition Fee Award?**

Yes, you will be eligible to receive the PhD Tuition Fee Award for two years – from 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2012 – provided you begin your doctoral program in the term immediately following the term in which you complete your master's program.

**Is there an application process for the PhD Tuition Fee Award?**

PhD and DMA students do not need to apply for this award, but they will be required to complete and return an acceptance form once the award is assigned to them.

**How will the PhD Tuition Fee Award be assigned?**

The PhD Tuition Fee Award will be assigned on the Student Information System each academic year. Students are advised to access the Awards/Financial Aid and Tuition and Student Fee Inquiries folders of their Student Service Centre accounts in order to determine if the award has been assigned to them.

**Will PhD and DMA students continue to be assessed tuition fees even if they are awarded a PhD Tuition Fee Award?**

Yes, PhD and DMA students will continue to be assessed both tuition and student fees.

**Does the PhD Tuition Fee Award include payment for student fees?**

No, the PhD Tuition Fee Award does not cover student fees. PhD and DMA students will be required to pay their student fees.

**Are UBC master's students who transfer directly to UBC PhD or DMA programs eligible for a PhD Tuition Fee Award?**

All students who are registered in a UBC master's program as of 30 September 2007 and who transfer directly into a UBC PhD or DMA program will be eligible for the PhD Tuition Fee Awards starting from their effective date/term of transfer and ending four years later or as of 31 August 2012, whichever comes first.

**Are UBC PhD students who transfer to UBC master's programs still eligible for a PhD Tuition Fee Award?**

Students who are assigned a PhD Tuition Fee Award and who subsequently transfer from the PhD program to a UBC master's program will be required to repay the **full** amount of the Award. The student's master's program is considered to have commenced at the time when they started their PhD program. **In case of extenuating circumstances, the student's graduate program may appeal the requirement to repay the PhD Tuition Fee Award funding. Please contact Graduate Awards for further information.**

**Are PhD and DMA students who hold PhD Tuition Fee Awards still eligible to apply for and hold other UBC awards?**

Yes, PhD and DMA students who hold PhD Tuition Fee Awards are still eligible to apply for and eventually hold other UBC awards (Graduate Entrance Scholarship, UGF, Killam, department-recommended awards).

**Are PhD and DMA students who hold PhD Tuition Fee Awards still eligible for external awards?**

Yes. PhD students who are successful in obtaining external awards are also eligible to hold the PhD Tuition Fee Award, except in cases when PhD tuition fees are directly billed to a third-party funding agency.

**Are international PhD and DMA students who receive PhD Tuition Fee Awards still eligible for the International Partial Tuition Scholarship?**

No, international PhD and DMA students who receive PhD Tuition Fee Awards will not be eligible for the International Partial Tuition Scholarship. The International Partial Tuition Scholarship will be replaced by the PhD Tuition Fee Award in the first four years of PhD or DMA studies. However, international PhD and DMA students who are not eligible for the PhD Tuition Fee Award (i.e., students who are in fifth year and later of doctoral studies or who first registered at UBC after 30 September 2007) will continue to be eligible for the [International Partial Tuition Scholarship](#).

**What happens to the PhD Tuition Fee Award if a student goes on leave?**

Students are not eligible to receive PhD Tuition Fee Award payments during terms in which they are on official leave of absence from the University. Students are responsible for paying the leave fee. PhD Tuition Fee Award payments will resume when students returns from leave, for as long as they continue to meet the eligibility requirements of the award.

**What happens to the PhD Tuition Fee Award if a student withdraws from his or her doctoral program?**

The PhD Tuition Fee Award will be pro-rated to the student's effective withdrawal date. Students will be required to return any overpayment amounts issued to them for the time period after their effective withdrawal date.

**What happens to the PhD Tuition Fee Award when a student completes his or her doctoral program?**

The PhD Tuition Fee Award is pro-rated to the end of the month in which degree requirements are completed. Degree requirements are completed when students submit their post-defence, approved dissertation to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Students will be required to return any overpayment amounts issued to them for the time period after this date.

**What are the tax implications, if any, of a PhD Tuition Fee Award?**

PhD Tuition Fee Awards are considered scholarships, and thus will be reported to the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. T4A forms for the PhD Tuition Fee Award will be issued to students at the end of the calendar year.