



Financial Commitment Form for a Doctoral Student

Student Name:

Supervisor Name:

Offer Start Date (e.g. Sep 2024):

Please read the following guidelines before completing the form.

1. The Graduate Program in Neuroscience (GPN) has a full-funding policy for doctoral students, in alignment with the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies policy (<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/minimum-funding-policy-phd-students>), with a minimum level of support of \$26,000 for each of the first four years of the PhD. Supervisors are encouraged to provide additional funding. Your acceptance of this student brings with it an obligation to provide full financial support. The sources of support can vary and be a combination of RA and TA positions as well as scholarship support. If your funding situation changes throughout the course of the four years for which minimum funding has to be guaranteed, please discuss this with your student and the GPN in a timely manner, and assist in seeking alternative funding sources (e.g. TA support).
2. Each faculty member will be responsible for the annual allocation of support (including TA support through the supervisor's department). Current TA pay rates can be found here: <https://cupe2278.ca/how-we-help/pay-rates/>. If a faculty member proposes to use a full-time TA position to fund a new student, the faculty member must commit additional summer (May–August) funding through an RA position or other arrangements (e.g., tuition awards) to reach the minimum level of guaranteed support. More information on student appointments can be found here: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/scholarships-awards-funding/research-teaching-assistantships>. Please note that RA and TA payments need to be coordinated through your home department with the exception of NRSC course TA payments. Please also note that it is your responsibility that the student receives the minimum stipend, and that TA appointments are often not guaranteed.
3. For students receiving competitive awards (fellowship, scholarship, or otherwise), for the full duration of each award, faculty must provide top-up funding beyond the GPN minimum level of support according to the GPN award top-up policy available at <https://neuroscience.ubc.ca/faculty/faculty-forms/>. Top up funding has to be provided regardless of a student's additional income through TAships or other awards. Non-competitive awards are paid wholly to the student and do not count towards the minimum stipend.
4. Please provide the details of how the student will be supported for the next four years. Do not include fellowship amounts unless the fellowship has already been confirmed.

Funding Source	PhD1	PhD2	PhD3	PhD4
TA				
RA				
Confirmed Fellowship				
Other:				
Total				

Supervisor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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Applicant Interview Information

Interviewing an applicant is a critical part of the admissions process. GPN requires that each applicant be interviewed by the potential future supervisor. We also highly recommend an additional interview for each applicant by a secondary faculty member, a group of students from the potential lab, or by a senior postdoc or lab manager.

Please provide information about the interviews conducted with this applicant.

Interview #1 Date & Time:

Interviewer 1:

Position: Faculty () Postdoc () Graduate Student () Lab Manager () Other

If applicable, Interviewer 2

Position: Faculty () Postdoc () Graduate Student () Lab Manager () Other

Other interviewers present (include name and position):

Interview #2 Date & Time:

Interviewer 1:

Position: Faculty () Postdoc () Graduate Student () Lab Manager () Other

If applicable, Interviewer 2:

Position: Faculty () Postdoc () Graduate Student () Lab Manager () Other

Other interviewers (include name and position):

Comments: