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# TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION AND FUNDING

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### Welcome from the Dean

Welcome to Carleton University!

By choosing Carleton for your graduate studies, you have opened the door to an incredible opportunity.

Carleton is a lively and supportive campus.

Many of our graduate programs are unique, cutting-edge and experiential, which will benefit you when you graduate.

Our high calibre faculty are known for their expertise and mentorship.

By studying in the nation's capital, you can participate in engaged research that connects you with local, national, and international partners. Ottawa is the seat of national government and the headquarters for many public and private organizations.

You will have access to many student services and resources that will support you while you are here and help you when you graduate.

We hope you have a satisfying and successful academic career at Carleton.

Sincerely,



Wallace Clement  
Dean, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs

## Purpose of this Document

All students accepting their offer of admission and/or funding must be aware of and comply with these terms and conditions. The information on awards is also applicable to funded students who are continuing in a program in a second or subsequent year.

Updated annually, this publication is valid for the academic year of admission stated on the front cover. Any updates that are made to the policies or information stated within will be promptly posted online. By accepting your offer, you are acknowledging that you understand and will comply with the information in this publication, including the terms and conditions of admission and, if applicable, funding, academic integrity and the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

Should you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the graduate administrator for the department/school/institute to which you have been admitted.

## ■ Part II: Academic Integrity

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**Plagiarism and cheating at the graduate level are viewed as being particularly serious and the sanctions imposed are accordingly severe.** Students are expected to familiarize themselves with and follow the Carleton University Student Academic Integrity Policy and Information which can be found online at **carleton.ca/fgpa/student-forms**. The Policy is strictly enforced and is binding on all students. Plagiarism and cheating — presenting another's ideas, arguments, words or images as your own, using unauthorized material, misrepresentation, fabricating or misrepresenting research data, unauthorized co-operation or collaboration or completing work for another student — weaken the quality of the graduate degree.

Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated.

Students who infringe the Policy may be subject to one of several penalties including:

- expulsion
- suspension from all studies at Carleton
- suspension from full-time studies
- refusal of permission to continue or to register in a specific degree program
- academic probation
- a grade of Failure in the course.

### Validity of Offer of Admission

The Offer of Admission and Funding (if applicable) is valid for 21 days from the date of the offer. To accept or decline your offer, visit the “Review admission application” page in Carleton Central ([central.carleton.ca](http://central.carleton.ca)). The link for this page can be found under “Student Records and Registration” on the Main Menu.

### Statement of Standing on Admission

The Statement of Standing on Admission is the formal admission document to a graduate program at Carleton University. The statement contains the following information:

- program of study
- term of admission
- program status (ie. full-time or part-time)
- program requirements
- remarks and conditions

Your admission is valid only for the term stated on the Statement of Standing on Admission. If a condition has been placed on your admission, any required documentation (e.g. final official transcript showing degree conferred) for the removal must be submitted to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs prior to the beginning of the term in which you wish to begin your studies.

### Tuition Deposits

If a tuition deposit is required by the department/school/institute’s program to which you have been admitted, you will be contacted by an administrator from that department/school/institute to arrange payment.

# The Graduate Calendar

The Graduate Calendar ([calendar.carleton.ca/grad](http://calendar.carleton.ca/grad)) contains important information for new students including information on:

- general graduate regulations
- academic programs, units and courses
- graduate supervisors

The online edition of the Carleton University Graduate Calendar is the University's official statement.

The policies and regulations set out in the Graduate Calendar for the academic year in which a student begins their program at Carleton University will be the Calendar under which the student is governed for the duration of their program. It is the responsibility of students to review and familiarize themselves with the General Regulations section and the schedule of dates and deadlines that have been prescribed by the University Senate for all academic activities and procedures.

The University reserves the right without liability or penalty, and without notice, to make changes in the services and programs it offers, and to cancel particular courses



### Validity of Offer of Funding

The Offer of Admission and Funding is valid for 21 days from the date of offer.

If you have applied to several different programs at Carleton, you should note that an offer of funding is valid only for the one program and one offer of admission with which it is associated. You may or may not be offered funding for all programs for which you are offered admission.

Your offer of funding is tied to your term of admission. If you must postpone your admission, your offer of funding will no longer be valid and cannot be deferred to a subsequent term or year. You are urged to consult the department/school/institute that has recommended you for admission to discuss your options, which may include a new offer of funding for a subsequent term or year.

## Change of Status or Program

Your offer of funding is connected to both the degree program and the department/school/institute that has recommended you for admission and funding. **To begin and to remain eligible to receive funding you must:**

- be registered full-time in the degree program and department/school/institute
- maintain full-time status
- progress at an acceptable rate through the program as determined by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs
- remain in good academic standing for the duration of your funding

Cancellation of your funding will occur if you change your degree program, change your student status to part-time, withdraw from your courses, choose to take time off from your program, or are not progressing at an acceptable rate.

For example, if your offer of funding includes a scholarship and a research assistantship (RA) in an MASc program in engineering, you will forfeit all your funding if you switch to an MEng program. In addition, if you are offered an RA at the time of admission, but choose to switch supervisors, you will forfeit your RA.

**If you are considering any changes to your program or your registration status, you must consult your department/school/institute first to discuss any possible implications for your funding.**

## Method of Payment of Graduate Awards and Funding

Most of the financial components of your Offer of Funding are paid through Human Resources — Payroll Services, on a bi-monthly basis. The one exception is the first month of each term (September, January and May) when payment is made at the end of the month. This includes assistantships (teaching and research), most internal scholarships and all external scholarships. **It is your responsibility to be financially self-sufficient for the months of September, January and May.**

In order to be eligible to receive any payments authorized by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs through Payroll Services, you must complete a Personal Information Form which is available from Payroll Services, Room 507A Robertson Hall, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. You will be required to present your social insurance number (SIN) card and personal banking information before electronic bank deposits can be facilitated. It is only necessary to present this information once, during your first term of admission. However, if your banking information changes in subsequent terms, you should notify Payroll Services.

**You must maintain full-time status in the program in which the offer of funding was made, and have all payroll documentation completed by the following deadlines: September 15, January 15, and April 15 (for payment on September 30, January 30 and May 30 respectively). These deadlines are in advance of the last day for registration in each of these terms and if you choose to register after the deadline, your initial payment, due at the end of the month, will be delayed until a later pay date.**

## Funding for Winter or Summer Term Admissions

Normally, most students begin their program in the Fall term with most components of their funding package being divided over the Fall, Winter, and Summer terms. However, if your admission term is the Winter or Summer term, the disbursement of your funding will be adjusted accordingly.

The Offer of Admission and Funding you receive will provide a detailed breakdown by term of your offer of funding.

## Tuition Deduction by Payroll

You have the option of authorizing Carleton University to make monthly deductions from the funding that is paid through Payroll Services for the purposes of paying tuition fees and associated charges. Information on how to do this will be available through Carleton Central when you register. You may cancel this authorization, by written notice to the Business Office, at any time. Remember, however, that the full balance of owed tuition fees will be due immediately upon cancellation of the payroll deduction option. You will be required to separately authorize payroll deduction for the Summer term of each year, and for your Winter term registration, if you registered in the Fall term for Fall term courses only.

The total amount of your funding is not the full amount available to put towards your tuition as adjustments may be required to accommodate wage deductions for tax purposes, etc.

# Teaching Assistantships

Students with full-time status may be offered a Teaching Assistantship (TA) position.

To qualify for a TA assignment you must first complete your **TA Profile**. The information that you enter in your profile is used to determine your work assignment, so please complete your profile as soon, and as accurately, as possible.

After your Graduate TA Profile is complete, your department's or school's administrator will make your **TA assignments** available to you in Carleton Central. On the Graduate TA Assignments page, you will need to accept any TA assignments you have been offered. If you do not wish to accept one or more assignments, please contact your department or school to discuss your options.

You and your instructor will need to fill out the **Assignment of Duties** form in Carleton Central. This online form, developed by your union and the university, clearly establishes how your assigned hours are going to be spent. Weekly duties such as office hours, preparation time, discussion groups, lecture attendance, lab demonstration, supervision and cleanup, as well as other duties like grading and proctoring are all outlined in the Assignment of Duties form. Note that you will need to do this for each of your assignments separately.

Training workshops and professional development opportunities are available to TAs through the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs and the Educational Development Centre (EDC), as well as many other departments. All new TAs attend a mandatory orientation session during the first week of the Fall or Winter Term, depending on which term they begin their TA duties.

For more information on TA training, please consult the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs website ([carleton.ca/fgpa](http://carleton.ca/fgpa)), the EDC's website ([carleton.ca/tasupport](http://carleton.ca/tasupport)) or your academic unit.

# Conditions and Regulations of a Teaching Assistantship

TAs at Carleton University are covered by the terms and conditions of a Collective Agreement between Carleton University and CUPE 4600 (Unit 1). A copy of this Agreement is available online at [carleton.ca/hr/staff-relations/collective-agreements](http://carleton.ca/hr/staff-relations/collective-agreements).

In accordance with University policy, a TA position is conditional upon your acceptance of the TA assignment in Carleton Central and registration in the degree program in the specific department/school/institute to which you have been admitted.

To remain eligible for the TA position, you must maintain full-time status for the entire period of your TA position. If you change from full-time to part-time status, future terms of priority appointment will be cancelled in accordance with regulations established in the Collective Agreement.

## English Language Requirement

If you have been offered employment as a TA, it is important to determine if you require any communication support to aid in the delivery of your assignment of duties. A representative from Carleton will contact you prior to your arrival at Carleton (traditionally via Skype) to discuss these options and determine whether any additional support is required.

## Leave from Duties

After you have completed at least one term of your TA employment, you may be eligible for a leave from duties, should the need arise, without forfeiting future terms of priority appointment.

The CUPE 4600 (Unit 1) Collective Agreement states that leave from duties may be requested for the following reasons:

- academic research, exchange, and co-op positions
- certified medical leave, or
- any other reasons where the academic supervisor and/or the department head provides reasons in writing as to how the leave would benefit the student academically.
- parental leave

In accordance with Section 7.11 of the General Regulations of the Graduate Calendar, students who will be off-campus conducting research must apply to the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs for off-campus research status.

If, at any point during your priority appointment period as a TA, you accept a Contract Instructor position, you are required to apply for a leave from duties from your TA position.

Further details are available in the Collective Agreement ([carleton.ca/hr/staff-relations/collective-agreements](http://carleton.ca/hr/staff-relations/collective-agreements)).

## Graduate Scholarships (Departmental Scholarships)

The scholarship component of your offer of funding is paid through regular payroll payments over three terms, or 12 months, beginning in September and ending August 31 of the following calendar year. In order to receive the full amount of the scholarship, you must maintain full-time status in each of the three terms (Fall, Winter and Summer) and maintain satisfactory academic standing. If you choose not to register in the Summer term (May to August), you will forfeit that portion of the scholarship.

**If you are a recipient of an external award/scholarship, your scholarship could be reduced by up to 50 per cent of the value of your external award/scholarship.**

## Research Assistantships

A component of your offer of funding may be in the form of a Research Assistantship (RA) funded by contract research, or other grant funds.

The value of the RA may not be the same in each academic term since some departments/schools/institutes pay lesser amounts in the Fall and Winter terms, and pay the largest proportion of the award in the Summer term. Please contact your department/school/institute to verify how your RA is paid. Continuation of this component of your offer of funding may depend upon satisfactory performance of the duties assigned by your research supervisor and on the availability of funds. In addition, students are required to have full-time status in the term in which the RA is paid, including the Summer term.

If you change your degree program, you may lose your RA position unless your new supervisor can provide funding for a RA position for you. For example, if you change from an MASc program in engineering to an MEng program, you will lose your RA unless your new supervisor can provide RA funding for you.

In addition, if you change supervisors, you may also lose your RA position unless your new supervisor can provide funding for a RA position for you.

**If you are a recipient of an external award/scholarship, it may impact the value of your RA.**



# Entrance Scholarships for Academic Excellence

On admission, some graduate students are recommended by their department/school/institute for an Entrance Scholarship. Recipients are selected by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs. The duration of the scholarship is for one academic year, and is paid through Payroll Services.

## Donor Awards

Over the years, a number of individuals and organizations have contributed substantial funds to the University, through bequests and donations, in order to help support students in various fields of study. A complete list of these awards is available in the Awards and Financial Assistance section of the Graduate Calendar, or online at [carleton.ca/fgpa](http://carleton.ca/fgpa).

You may be offered an award of this type at the time of your admission. In order to be eligible to receive the award, you must register full-time in the degree program and the department/school/institute offering the award in the term of your admission. The award is normally paid directly to your student account. It may be paid in one lump sum or paid in equal installments.

In-program students are nominated for donor awards by their department/school/institute. There is normally no application process. In some cases, the director/chair of the program selects and recommends one student to the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs. In others, departments/schools/institutes nominate students and a selection committee, chosen by the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs, makes the decision on who will receive the award. In these cases, students selected to receive a scholarship are paid in the Winter term.

Although no application is necessary, in most instances, many awards are research or circumstance specific; thus, it is in the best interest of students to check to see if any of these awards pertain to them and bring their situation to the attention of their department/school/institute.

Names of recipients and their department/school/institute are given to the donor(s) of the award(s), the department/school/institute, and the Dean of their Faculty.

## Bursaries and Endowed Awards

A bursary is a monetary award similar to a scholarship in that you are not expected to repay it, but is awarded primarily on financial need rather than academic achievement. Graduate students have a number of endowed awards available to them with a variety of criteria (need, research area, demographic fit). You have been automatically considered for endowed awards with your application to the program but it is always a good idea to explore the various endowed awards available and self-identify your eligibility to your department. For more information on endowed awards, visit the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs website at [carleton.ca/fgpa](http://carleton.ca/fgpa).

## External Awards

If you receive an award from an external agency (e.g. SSHRC, NSERC, CIHR, CBIE, HSFO, etc.) you must promptly report it to the chair/director/graduate supervisor of your department/school/institute. As some of these external agencies limit the total amount of scholarship funding you receive and limit the number of hours you may work, your offer of funding and subsequent funding packages may be modified in order to meet these regulations.

For example:

- Recipients of NSERC awards are permitted to work up to 450 hours per annum
- Commonwealth Scholars may be permitted to work up to 200 hours per annum
- CIHR recipients will receive a maximum of 50 per cent of the amount originally awarded as scholarship

As a full-time graduate student at Carleton, you may also be eligible for an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) valued at \$5,000 (CDN) per term for two or three consecutive terms, for a maximum of \$15,000.

Please refer to the award holder's guide of the relevant external agency for the terms and conditions of your external award.

The decision to modify your funding package from Carleton University is made in consultation with your department/school/institute and the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs.

Once you have registered in your program in September (Fall term), your department/school/institute can provide details on application procedures and deadlines.

For information on this and other kinds of financial assistance, please visit the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs website at [carleton.ca/fgpa](http://carleton.ca/fgpa).

## Taxation of Awards and Funding

The income students receive from the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs may be taxable and subject to inclusion on an income tax return. Taxable income can include scholarships and fellowships, as well as salaries and stipends. For some awards, Carleton University does not deduct any income tax at source (at the time of payment), so you should plan accordingly for the possibility that you may owe tax at the time of filing your return. The University will issue the appropriate income tax slips as required.

Given the uniqueness of each student's financial situation, the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs is unable to dispense advice on income tax matters to students. Consequently, students are encouraged to seek advice from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) or from a qualified income tax specialist.

For more information, CRA publishes two documents that may be of relevance to graduate students:

- Students and Income Tax, publication P105(E) Rev. 06  
**[www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/p105/README.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/p105/README.html)**
- Scholarships, Fellowships, Bursaries, Prizes, Research Grants and Financial Assistance Income Tax Interpretation Bulletin IT-75R4  
**[www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tp/it75r4/README.html](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tp/it75r4/README.html)**

# Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

As of June 10, 2006, the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) came into effect for all Ontario universities. The personal information FIPPA covers includes, but is not limited to:

- personal information  
(age, date of birth, etc.)
- contact information  
(address, phone number, etc.)
- registration information  
(courses taken, currently registered for, etc.)
- awards and funding information  
(TA, RA, scholarships, etc.)
- convocation information  
(date of graduation, standing, etc.).

As a student, this will affect how you will request personal information from the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs. Before the administrative staff can provide you with any personal information, you will need to validate your identity. This can be done in a variety of ways:

- **in person** —  
you will need to provide photo identification (preferably a campus card) to verify your student identity and student number
- **on the phone** —  
you may be asked to provide answers to a variety of questions including personal information (e.g. date of birth or current address), program or most recent course registration
- **by email** —  
only your Carleton email account will be used for communication from our staff as your login to the Carleton email system validates your identity. If you send a request through another Internet Service Provider, you will be advised that a response has been sent to your Carleton email account

■ **by fax** —

you will need to provide your signature, student number and contact information (home phone number or Carleton email address). We will respond to your inquiry by phone or by email (to your Carleton email account)

■ **by mail** —

you will need to provide your signature, student number and contact information (mailing address, home phone number or Carleton email address). We will respond to your inquiry by mail to your mailing address.

If you would like information to be released to a third party, you must complete a Third Party Release of Information Form available at the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs ([carleton.ca/fgpa/student-forms](http://carleton.ca/fgpa/student-forms)). This form will permit you to restrict the release of information to specific third parties and/or for specific periods of time. Please be aware that we will no longer be able to confirm your registration to a third party without your written authorization.

These measures are taken to ensure your privacy by making certain that your personal information will not be compromised. For more information on FIPPA, visit the website at [carleton.ca/fippa](http://carleton.ca/fippa).

At Carleton University, we recognize and respect the importance of privacy. Personal information that we collect is kept confidential. In accordance with Section 41 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Carleton University will only use the information in its custody or control in the following circumstances: where the individual identifies the particular information and consents to its use; for the purpose for which it was collected or a consistent purpose (i.e. a purpose which the individual might have reasonably expected).

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs allows for disclosure or exchange of information to external and internal bodies as required to determine eligibility/suitability for awards; research and program evaluation, and the release of identifying information that may include name/program /year, to award donors, university units and external agencies. From time to time, the university may also post this information in public forums, such as websites and/or notices or use this information for statistical or reporting purposes to agencies that have the authority to ask for such information. If you have questions and/or do not agree to the release of identifying information, please contact the FGPA FIPPA Officer via email at [graduate\\_studies@carleton.ca](mailto:graduate_studies@carleton.ca).

# Student Computing Account

Your student computing account will provide you with access to information and services such as:

- email
- calendar
- announcements
- course information, schedules, message boards
- group news discussion boards and chat rooms.

**It is important to sign up for a student computing account as the University administration will use your Carleton email account to contact you in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).**

Once registered as a student, you may sign up for your student computing account. To sign up, please visit [carleton.ca/ccs/services/accounts-and-passwords/student-computing-account](http://carleton.ca/ccs/services/accounts-and-passwords/student-computing-account).

## Carleton Central

Carleton Central ([central.carleton.ca](http://central.carleton.ca)) is Carleton's secure online centre for student registration and administrative activities. It is your one-stop service for registration, student records, admission and fee information.

For your first login to Carleton Central, you will need the following:

### 1) Your student number

It is this number that you will use in the User ID field to access Carleton Central. This number is the same number as your Carleton User ID and can be found at the top of your Offer of Admission and Funding letter.

### 2) Your date of birth

Your initial Personal Identification Number (PIN) will be your date of birth in YYMMDD format. For example, if your date of birth is July 14, 1980, your default PIN will be 800714. This is the number that you will use in the PIN field to access Carleton Central for the first time. You will be immediately required to change your PIN at your initial login.

The features available in Carleton Central include, but are not limited to:

- viewing admissions applications
- registering for courses
- displaying final grades
- updating your address online
- confirming your registration status
- displaying your timetable
- searching for classes
- viewing OSAP information
- displaying student accounts
- viewing fee payment arrangements
- displaying your holds
- online help assistance
- applying for graduation

If you require help, click on the “?” button within Carleton Central. If you require further information, you are encouraged to contact the department/service associated with your difficulty. For technical assistance (e.g. you are unable to login, pages do not display), email [carleton\\_central\\_help@carleton.ca](mailto:carleton_central_help@carleton.ca).

## Registration Information

Additional information and specific details of how to register using Carleton Central will be available on the registration website at [carleton.ca/registrar/registration](http://carleton.ca/registrar/registration). Visit the registration website often, as information and instructions are updated regularly, including the dates and times to register. We recommend that you begin checking the website in April for registration for the Fall term.

## Tuition Fees

Student Accounts Receivable is responsible for receiving payment of fees. They are also responsible for responding to questions you may have about your tuition fees.

Tuition fee amounts, late charges and other fees and charges can be found on the Student Accounts Receivable website at [carleton.ca/fees](http://carleton.ca/fees).

## On-Campus Housing

Residence offers a great opportunity to meet and live with people from different backgrounds, religions, nationalities, cultures and interests. You also benefit from the convenience and safety of living just minutes away from your classes, the Library and the University sports facilities, all of which you can reach from your residence building through our network of heated, well-lit tunnels.

Graduate students have reserved residence space on the top two floors of Leeds house. The majority of these spaces are single-gender suites on co-ed floors. There are no facilities on campus for co-ed suites or family accommodation.

Graduate students, who have been offered and have accepted admission (including conditional acceptance), will be able to apply online for residence as of February 1, 2013. Priority for residence is given to current Carleton graduate students. Residence for new graduate students is determined by a lottery being held in June 2013. Information regarding residence fees, the Residence Contract, etc. can be found on the Housing Services website at [housing.carleton.ca](http://housing.carleton.ca).

## Health Plan

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) offers a Health, Dental and Accident insurance plan. All domestic and international students registered full-time in the Fall Term are enrolled in the Plan. Part-time students can join the health plan by opting in early in the Fall Term. Graduate students can also opt in family members. All graduate students (domestic and international) who begin in the Winter term (January) must opt in. To opt in, visit the GSA offices on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the University Centre Building along with a completed form and cash, certified cheque, or money order made payable to GSA Carleton Inc. Full-time graduate students with alternative coverage may be able to opt out of the plan and receive a refund. The application form along with more information about the plan and the coverage booklet for 2013-14 will be available on the GSA's website ([gsacarleton.ca](http://gsacarleton.ca)). The deadline for opting in or out of the plan will be announced on the GSA website prior to September. International students, please see section in this booklet re. the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP).



## ■ Part VI: Information for International Students

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### International Student Services Office

The International Student Services Office (ISSO) at Carleton University provides services and programs that are designed to address your needs as an international student while studying at Carleton. These services include UHIP (University Health Insurance Plan) enrolment, assistance with cultural adjustment and orientation to life in Canada. The ISSO can provide you with support on academic issues, as well as link you to clubs and associations both in the University and in the greater Ottawa community. The ISSO works closely with the Faculty of Graduate of Postdoctoral Affairs. Graduate students can also view a copy of the International Graduate Student Handbook at [carleton.ca/isso](http://carleton.ca/isso).

### Orientation Sessions

Every year, the ISSO provides orientation sessions (both Fall and Winter) for all new international students. These sessions include valuable workshops that will help you begin your new life in Canada, and provide an excellent opportunity to meet other new international students. In general, orientation sessions begin a week before the start of the Fall term or at the beginning of the Winter term. To register, visit [carleton.ca/isso](http://carleton.ca/isso).

### Workshops and Events

The ISSO offers workshops for international students throughout the year on a variety of topics. These workshops help to ease your social transition to university and facilitate your academic success and social integration on campus. The ISSO also organizes many activities and cultural programs for students and accompanying family members, such as: the Language Exchange Program; sporting activities, including skiing and snowshoeing; outings to local sites of interest, such as the Parliament buildings and national museums; an international photography contest and more.

# Airport Welcome and Pick-Up Program

Carleton University offers an airport welcome and pick-up program for new international students who will commence their studies in September. Please visit the ISSO website ([carleton.ca/isso](http://carleton.ca/isso)) for additional details and information.

## Residence

If you are interested in living on campus in one of Carleton's residences, you must make arrangements before arriving in Canada. For more information, please contact Housing Services by telephone 613-520-5612 or by fax 613-520-3952. You can also visit their website at [housing.carleton.ca](http://housing.carleton.ca) for additional information.

## Immigration

For information regarding all immigration options, including study permits, please visit the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website ([www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)).

## University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP)

All international students must enrol in UHIP, a health insurance plan that covers medical expenses such as doctors' appointments and hospital stays. The annual UHIP premium is automatically added to your student account once you register. You must enrol in UHIP and pay the full premium whether you are a full-time or part-time student. Students are required to print their proof of coverage wallet cards online. For further details regarding UHIP, please visit the ISSO website at [carleton.ca/isso](http://carleton.ca/isso).

## Exemptions

UHIP is mandatory for all Carleton international students. Therefore, you are strongly advised not to purchase health insurance overseas. Only students covered under a **pre-approved** plan do not have to join UHIP. Visit the ISSO website for more information.

Only students who submit proof of health coverage from the plans listed under the pre-approved plans will be automatically exempted. Certain of these plans may provide coverage for you, but not for your family members, in which case, you will have to indicate that you will not join UHIP, but your family will.

## For More Information

UHIP is administered by the ISSO, located at 128 University Centre. For office hours, please visit the ISSO website at **carleton.ca/isso**. If you have further questions about UHIP, please call 613-520-6600 or email **isso@carleton.ca**.

You must come to the ISSO office to have the UHIP premium adjusted, add dependents, or apply for an exemption.

## Contact Information

For more information about services offered through the ISSO, please contact:

### **International Student Services Office**

128 University Centre  
1125 Colonel By Drive  
Ottawa ON Canada K1S 5B6

Phone: 613-520-6600

Fax: 613-520-3419

Email: **isso@carleton.ca**

**carleton.ca/isso**

### Budgeting for Graduate Studies

One of the biggest hurdles facing students is how to be financially prepared. To help you defray the cost of your studies while at Carleton (see chart below), you have numerous sources of financial aid available to you. By informing yourself of all the possibilities, you will go a long way in offsetting some of the costs.

The following information will help you get an idea of what you should expect to spend while studying at Carleton and living in the Ottawa area. **This information is an estimate to be used as a guideline in budgeting for your study expenses.** As such, your actual expenses may vary. All expenses are based on a 12-month time period, unless otherwise indicated, and are expressed in Canadian dollars.

Expenses	Domestic Students	International Students
<b>Graduate Program Tuition*</b> (depending on the program)	\$8,372 – \$12,287	\$18,422 – 38,306
<b>On-campus Living**</b> (September–April including a choice of meal plans and telephone with local service)	\$8,663 – \$11,609	\$8,663 – \$11,609
<b>Off-campus Living</b> (based on a one-bedroom, unfurnished apartment for a single student)	\$11,742	\$11,400
<b>Books and Supplies</b>	\$1,500	\$1,500
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b> (clothing, entertainment, laundry, personal expenses, etc.)	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>Groceries</b>	\$3,000	\$3,000
<b>Transportation</b> (if your registration status is full-time, the U-PASS (Universal Transit Pass) amount is included in your fall term fees.)	N/A	N/A
<b>Total approximate cost for one year</b>	<b>\$22,535 to \$33,529</b>	<b>\$36,585 to 59,415</b>

\* Based on full-time enrolment for 3 terms. Fees are subject to change. Fees include UHIP (if applicable) and the U-PASS. Please visit [carleton.ca/tuition](http://carleton.ca/tuition) for more information.

\*\* Residence fees are based on double accommodation. Graduate students in residence can opt out of participating in a meal plan.

## Working on Campus

A great way to offset the expense of university is to have a part-time job on campus. These jobs can provide you with extra income and valuable work experience. Visit the Career Development and Co-operative Education website ([carleton.ca/cc](http://carleton.ca/cc)) to check out the online campus job postings.

## Government Financial Assistance

Additional financial assistance, such as the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP), may be available through various federal and provincial funding programs. For more information visit [www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca) which provides in-depth information on government financial assistance and private scholarships.