

<b>Complete Policy Title</b>	<b>UGME MD/PhD Tuition Grant Policy</b>
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## 1. Background and Principles

**1.1.** Students enrolled in the McMaster University MD/PhD Program progress through a 7-year program.

In general, the progression is as follows:

- Year 1: PhD program
- Year 2: MD program (MD Program Year 1)
- Years 3, 4 and 5: PhD program
- Years 6 and 7: MD program (MD Program Years 2 and 3)

**1.2.** McMaster University charges students either PhD or MD Program tuition fees depending upon which component of the MD/PhD program a student is participating in that year.

**1.3.** McMaster University Board of Governors establishes final tuition schedules. Tuition amounts are not negotiable once approved.

**1.4.** The MD Program is committed to ensuring that the annual MD Program tuition fee paid by an MD/PhD student during all three years of the MD component of his or her program reflects the tuition schedule in effect for the MD Program Class of the year the student began their MD/PhD Program.

## 2. Grandfathered MD Program Tuition Fee Responsibility

**2.1.** In Years 1, 2 and 3 of the MD component of the student's program, the tuition fee for which the student will be responsible will be the tuition fee paid in Years 1, 2 and 3 by the MD Program Class with whom the student entered the first year of the MD/PhD program.

**2.2.** The MD Program will provide a grant to the MD/PhD student in September to cover the difference between the tuition paid in Years 1, 2 and 3 by the MD Program Class with whom the student entered the first year of the MD/PhD program and the tuition paid by the Class with whom the student completes MD Program Years 1, 2 and 3.

**2.3.** Students will be notified of any changes to their tuition schedule in writing by the MD Program.

## 3. Exceptional Circumstances

The MD Program reserves the right to modify or waive this policy in exceptional circumstances. Such exceptions will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the UGME Executive Committee.