



**Saint Mary's  
University**

29 May 2025

Dear Nikita Neveditsin:

Student ID #: A00418198

I am pleased to inform you that you have been receiving graduate funding in the amount of \$16,500 for the May 1, 2025 – April 30, 2026 timeframe. This sum includes a Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) Graduate Award in the amount of \$6,500 and a Research Fellowship from your supervisor, P. Lingras, in the amount of \$10,000. You will also be able to apply for Teaching Assistantship (TA) positions, with students in this graduate program normally able to obtain TA assignments paying about \$5,000 per year. Occasionally there may be Lab or Course Instructor positions that may need to be filled following processes of the Part-Time Faculty Union and provisions provided therein for Doctoral students (see [Collective Agreement](#)), and upon agreement by the student, supervisor, and department chair, the Lab Instructor position can replace the funding for Teaching Assistantship. The TA assignments typically require that students spend several hours per week (determined by the department offering the course/lab) grading and/or assisting with laboratories or tutorials for undergraduate courses. TA's have recently become unionized at Saint Mary's University, but do not yet have a Collective Agreement in place to point you to a standard process for obtaining your TA assignment. Your program will be able to provide you details of applying. Teaching Assistantships are paid to students bi-weekly through payroll once they begin their TA position. If you acquire additional major external funding, FGSR will communicate with you how your overall funding allocation from the various sources will be updated.

In order to receive/maintain graduate funding you must be registered as a full-time graduate student and be in good academic standing. Should your status as a registered, full-time graduate student in good academic standing change (e.g. due to withdrawal, leave of absence, change to part-time status, etc.) your graduate funding will be withdrawn, effective the date of the change of status. In such instances, graduate funding paid to you in advance payments (see below) must be repaid to Saint Mary's University on a prorated basis. Since scholarships/fellowships are reportable income you will be issued a T4A for your tax planning purposes.

Students who receive a Research Fellowship, Named Award, External Award, FGSR Fellowship or FGSR Graduate Award will receive their funds directly into their student account. Funds will normally be disbursed in three installments (less tuition and associated fees), at the beginning of each graduate semester, provided you have registered for courses by the following dates: April 4, 2025 (to receive the first installment (34%) on May 9, 2025); August 1, 2025 (to receive the second installment (33%) on September 5, 2025) and December 5, 2025 (to receive the final installment (33%) on January 9, 2026).

If there is a credit balance on your student account after tuition and fees are deducted from your graduate funding you may request a refund. Instructions for requesting refunds can be found at the following link: <https://www.smu.ca/academics/tuition-fees-refunds.html>.

From time to time the University may disclose the names of award recipients to donors or other parties. Should you wish to remain anonymous in these communications, please provide written notice to the undersigned within 30 days of the date of this letter.

Enclosed with this letter is a Graduate Scholarship Funding Decision Notification Form. Please complete this form and return it via email to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research as soon as you have made your decision, but in any case by no later than **June 12, 2025**.

If you require any further assistance, please contact the Program Coordinator, Dr. K. Ylijoki at (902)491-6527 or by e-mail [kai.ylijoki@smu.ca](mailto:kai.ylijoki@smu.ca). I wish you every success in your scholarly endeavors.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Sarty, PhD  
Associate Vice President, Research  
Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research



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***Graduate Scholarship Funding- Decision Notification Form***

Instructions:

You are asked to complete this form and ***return it to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) via email (Heather.Gray@smu.ca)***. This form has been designed to notify the FGSR of your decision regarding graduate funding.

To complete the form:

- ◆ check the appropriate box
- ◆ sign on the 'Applicant's signature' line
- ◆ date the section

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I, Nikita Neveditsin

☒ Accept

☐ Do Not Accept

graduate funding offered by Saint Mary's University as presented in the letter of May 29, 2025.

I also agree that should my status as a registered full-time graduate student in good academic standing change (e.g. due to withdrawal, leave of absence, change to part-time status, etc.) my graduate funding will be withdrawn, effective the date of the change of status. In such instances, graduate funding paid to me in advance payments will be repaid to Saint Mary's University on a prorated basis.

  
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Applicant's Signature and Student ID Number

A00418198

June 2, 2025

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Date