

Sponsored Research and Research Time Stipends in the Faculty of Arts: A Policy Statement

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Preamble

A central feature of the mission of the Faculty of Arts is to conduct research in the humanities and social sciences in order both to advance and preserve knowledge in these areas and to provide the highly trained personnel that are required in an increasingly specialized society. To that end, faculty members are encouraged to seek sponsorship from various granting councils, foundations, and institutions. The advantages of sponsored research are considerable. Sponsored research contributes to the advancement and promotion of new knowledge. Sponsored research provides educational opportunities for students (undergraduate and graduate alike), and lends prestige to the University of Manitoba. Extramural funding may attract promising graduate students, post-doctoral students, and eminent researchers. Applications to some granting councils (e.g., SSHRC) make it possible for the University of Manitoba to provide internal seed money for small grants to researchers. Extramural funding provides researchers with the financial means to undertake data collection, including the development and implementation of research protocols, the gathering of archival materials from libraries and other sources, and the analysis of data, as well as the training of graduate and undergraduate assistants. Many researchers find that managing a large research project over a number of years often requires exceptional effort, while they continue to carry out their other responsibilities related to teaching, graduate student supervision and academic service.

SSHRC's Policy on Research Time Stipends

As of April 1, 2009, applicants to all SSHRC research grants programs will no longer be able to request a SSHRC/university co-funded Research Time Stipend (RTS). However, all RTSs awarded prior to March 31, 2009, will be honoured. SSHRC recognizes the importance of time for research in the social sciences and humanities, and will continue to require that universities confirm that all grantholders have appropriate time to conduct their research. This decision does not affect salary replacements for non-academic participants in SSHRC-funded research projects. **CIHR and NSERC**

At the present time, the other federal granting councils – the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) – do not currently provide support for council-funded RTS.

The Faculty of Arts Policy on Research Time Stipends for Multi-Year Sponsored Research Programs

This policy statement provides for a uniform approach to the support of researchers who have been successful in obtaining extramural multi-year project funding from the three federal granting councils. For the purposes of this policy, a multi-year research program is defined as one that involves no less than three years of continuous funding from a granting council.¹

1 Faculty members who play a lead role, usually as Principal Investigator, in a major, multiyear research project funded by SSHRC, NSERC, or CIHR will receive a release of three credit hours of teaching for each year of the grant. The release time can only be used during the period of the award, and cannot be banked for future use. The matter of release time for holders of multiple grants, for holders of grants from national foundations other than tri-council agencies, and for leading researchers in major collaborative research programs will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

2 Subject to budgetary constraints, the Faculty of Arts will provide to the department or program of the principal investigator (and, where applicable, to the department(s)/program(s) of other members of the research team) a stipend equivalent to its contribution toward teaching release in the year(s) indicated in the application for funding.

3 ***Faculty holding less than full-time appointments shall have their Faculty of Arts funded RTS pro-rated.***

¹ While this policy refers primarily to release time in connection with grants received from the three federal granting councils, it will apply to other multi-year grants from national foundations. The matter of release time for recipients of grants from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Innovations Fund will be considered on a case-by-case basis.