

The President's Doctoral Student Investment Fund (PDSIF)

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Summary

The School of Graduate Studies will provide new faculty members with financial support for supervising a doctoral student. The PDSIF is intended to increase PhD enrolment and enhance career development of newest faculty members of Memorial. New faculty holding a PDSIF will be better positioned to satisfy the HQP (Highly Qualified Personnel) sections of their grant (re)applications. This funding gives the member more breathing room and more time to work on recruitment of top doctoral students.

Funding Level

The value of the award per qualifying student is \$7,500 per annum, with continuation of funding contingent on the student being in good standing with SGS and meeting performance expectations of the graduate program in which s/he is registered.

Funding Criteria

- A faculty member will normally be eligible to apply to this program in the first three years of their tenure-track appointment.
- The faculty member must enrol for the [Graduate Student Supervision Program](#) within the academic year in which the PDSIF funding is scheduled to begin. This program is offered once a semester through the Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning.
- Faculty members are required either to hold a Tri-Council grant or equivalent funding (a grant whose terms allow graduate student support as a budget item) or to confirm annual submission of a Tri-Council or equivalent grant application while holding a PDSIF.
- PDSIF allows for a newly registered doctoral student not holding a major external award to receive multiple years of funding. Students must meet the [normal SGS funding guidelines](#).
- While the PDSIF funding is tied to the supervisor, the funds are paid directly to the student.

To Nominate

Indicate “PDSIF” under “Other” on the *Program of Study* form. If awarded, indicate “PDSIF” in the comments section of the *Graduate Student Payroll* form when setting the student up for payroll.