The resources available to support SIAT graduate students directly allocated by SIAT come from three different sources:

1. GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP – SCHOOL OF INTERACTIVE ARTS & TECHNOLOGY (GF-SIAT)
   This allocation is from SIAT and is an entry scholarship done via a nomination process. This award is given to a promising new admit who did not get a major entrance award from SFU. The selection is done by the Graduate Admission Committee (GAC) in consultation with the SIAT Graduate Chair. Notice is sent by DGS to the award winner either at the time offers of admission letters are sent out and/or during the Summer term (May to August).

   **NOTE:** New admits include new admits of the current cycle as well as out-of-cycle admits of the previous academic year.

   **Number:** One per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31)
   **Value:** $6,250
   **Timing:** May 30th deadline to DGS; Award tenable September 1st

2. DEAN of GRADUATE STUDIES (DGS) FUNDING ALLOCATION
   SIAT receives DGS funding via one lump sum payment to the program. SIAT is typically allocated $150,000 to $200,000 per academic year. This funding is for three purposes: 1. Special Graduate Entrance Scholarships (SGES), 2. Graduate Fellowships - Dean of Graduate Studies (GF-DGS) 3. Travel and Minor Research Awards (TMRA). These funds must be spent during the academic year (September 1 to August 31).
2.1 SPECIAL GRADUATE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP (SGES)

SGES are entry scholarships done via a nomination process. The scholarships are given to attract high quality applicants. Typically, these awards are given to match competitive offers applicants might receive from other universities. Notice is sent by DGS to the award winner for SGES awards.

| Number:   | Variable                  |
| Value:    | $2,000.00 to $10,000.00   |
| Timing:   | May 30th deadline to DGS; Award tenable September 1st |

2.2 GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP – DEAN of GRADUATE STUDIES (GF-DGS)

GF-DGS awards are given to SIAT students twice per year; once to new admits for the Fall term (September 1st) and secondly to continuing students in the Summer term (August).

2.2.1 GF-DGS for New Admits

The GF-DGS award given to a new admit is an entry scholarship done via a nomination process. This award is given to a promising new admit who did not get a major entrance award from SFU. The selection is done by the Graduate Admission Committee (GAC) in consultation with the SIAT Graduate Chair. Notice is sent to the award winner either at the time offers of admission letters are sent out and/or during the Summer term, once the admission cycle is closed (May to August). Notice is sent by DGS to the award winners.

**NOTE 1:** New admits include new admits of the current cycle as well as out-of-cycle admits of the previous academic year.

**NOTE 2:** DGS has a limit of two GF-DGS per student per academic year. SIAT has a practice of providing one GF-DGS per student per academic year.

| Number:   | 5 to 10 (variable)       |
| Value:    | $6,250 each and can be allocated in increments of 0.5, that is, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5 or 2.0 |
| Timing:   | May 30th deadline to DGS; Award tenable September 1st |
2.2.2 **GF-DGS for Continuing Students**

The GF-DGS award given to a continuing student is done via an application and adjudication process. This award is given to a continuing student based on DGS criteria for the GF-DGS awards and as well by SIAT Awards Criteria. GF-DGS awards are highly competitive not only requiring an excellent GPA but supported with publications as well. DGS requires a minimum CGPA of 3.5 but a CGPA of 3.8 is the minimum average of past SIAT award winners. Boosts are given to an applicant’s GPA for having publications. The selection is done by the Graduate Admission Committee (GAC) in consultation with the SIAT Graduate Chair. Notice is sent to the award winner during the Summer term (August). Notice is sent by DGS to award winners.

**NOTE:** DGS has a limit of two GF-DGS per student per academic year. SIAT has a practice of providing one GF-DGS per student per academic year.

**Number:** Variable; dependent upon TMRA balance in July  
**Value:** $6,250 each and can be allocated in increments of 0.5, that is, 0.5, 1.0, 1.5 or 2.0  
**Timing:** July 15th deadline to SIAT; July 30th deadline to DGS; Award tenable August

2.2.3 **TRAVEL and MINOR RESEARCH AWARD (TMRA)**

SIAT wants to give as many Travel and Minor Research Awards (TMRA) as requested January to December. Students are able to make a TMRA application any time during the year. This award is given to a continuing student based upon SIAT TMRA criteria and upon SIAT Awards Criteria. The amount allocated can vary and is competitive based upon:

- a) **Type of Publication** – workshop, conference, etc.  
- b) **Prestige of the Venue** – first tier, second tier, etc.  
- c) **Reviewing Process** – peer-reviewed, non-peer review, full paper, abstract, etc.)

The approval is done by the SIAT Graduate Chair on behalf of the Graduate Program Committee. Notice is sent to the award winner as soon as the Chair renders a decision. Notice is sent by SIAT to award winners.

**NOTE:** While a TMRA is for travel purposes, journal publications can also be rewarded via a TMRA application (Value: $1,000).

**Number:** Variable  
**Value:** Variable  
**Timing:** January to December
3. GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP – FACULTY OF COMMUNICATION, ART AND TECHNOLOGY (GF-FCAT)

This allocation is from the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology (FCAT) and is an entry scholarship done via a nomination process. This award is given to a promising new admit who did not get a major entrance award from SFU. Half of the award comes via a scholarship with the requirement of matching funds for a Research Assistantship with your senior supervisor. The selection is done by the Graduate Admission Committee (GAC) in consultation with the senior supervisor and the SIAT Graduate Chair. Notice is sent by DGS to the award winner either at the time offers of admission letters are sent out and/or during the Summer term (May to August). The Research Assistantship is a contract that the SIAT Coordinator sets up upon notification from your senior supervisor.

**NOTE:** New admits include new admits of the current cycle as well as out-of-cycle admits of the previous academic year.

**Number:** Typically 4 per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31)
**Value:** $3,175 award with a matching Research Assistantship of $3,175; totaling $6,250
**Timing:** May 30th deadline to DGS; Award tenable September 1st

**Support Allocation Objectives**

1. **Fairness:** All students are given the same opportunities.
2. **Incentive:** Research travel funds are allocated as need be during the entire year. All students may receive as many TMRA as required in the year.
3. **Efficiency:** Each graduate student has one opportunity to apply for a graduate fellowship. There are just two selection processes during the year reducing graduate administrative processes.