Urban Studies Program Graduate Funding Policy

The Urban Studies Program seeks to attract students from diverse backgrounds, reflecting a wide range of financial circumstances. Need-based bursaries, merit based scholarships and fellowships, and student loans are available to defray the cost of obtaining a Master of Urban Studies (M.Urb.). Students pursuing the Graduate Diploma in Urban Studies are eligible for need-based bursaries.

While we are unable to guarantee incoming M.Urb. applicants a particular level of funding, we encourage M.Urb. applicants to apply for SFU’s entrance scholarships and graduate fellowships [http://www.sfu.ca/dean-gradstudies/current/funding/index.html]. M.Urb. applicants can also apply for external scholarship support through SSHRC competitions, and SFU offers a workshop every year to help students prepare their applications. In the interests of equity, students who hold major awards, such as a SSHRC scholarship or an SFU entrance scholarship will not be eligible for a graduate fellowship.

All students with financial need are encouraged to apply each semester to SFU Financial Assistance for a bursary, to which the Urban Studies Program contributes. Urban studies faculty may also hire students as research assistants. Some of these research assistantships are supported through SFU’s Work Study program. Each semester, research assistant opportunities are circulated to our registered students, who then apply directly to the faculty member.