FINANCIAL SUPPORT POLICY

1. The two primary purposes for financial support are:
   a. to ensure knowledgeable and competent assistants for computing science undergraduate laboratories, and/or
   b. to attract outstanding graduate students to our graduate program.

2. Support is intended for full-time students, and where possible, will be offered for a reasonable amount of time to allow completion of the degree.

3. Financial Support may come from a variety of sources, including:
   - Scholarships & Awards
   - Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantships
   Teaching assistantships are offered by the Department in the Fall and Winter terms (called teaching terms). Support during spring/summer (called the summer term) is provided by the supervisor only.

4. M.Sc. (thesis-based) students are eligible for departmental support during the first two years (first four teaching terms plus first summer term) of the program, while Ph.D. students are eligible for departmental support during the first four years (first eight teaching terms plus first three summer terms) of the program.

5. Financial Support will be provided to eligible students with satisfactory academic performance and satisfactory performance of assistantship duties, and subject to availability of funds. Assistantships are administered according to Faculty of Science and FGSR regulations.

6. Financial Support by the Department is intended for students that receive no support from other sources. Scholarships or external funding once awarded will replace an equivalent (or smaller) amount of the department's support. It is student’s responsibility to notify the Department of any awards, scholarships or additional funding that the student receives. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in a change to the department’s financial support of the student.

7. Students completing an M.Sc. and continuing to a Ph.D. must submit their M.Sc. thesis to FGSR before Ph.D. support can begin.

8. While support beyond the eligibility period is the responsibility of the student and the supervisor, PhD students in this category may be considered for additional support in terms of scholarships or teaching assistantships. In general, M.Sc. students beyond eligibility will not be considered.

9. Students on scholarships, sponsored PhD students, as well as students beyond the eligibility period, may be considered for a teaching assistantship when additional GTA positions are available. Priority will be determined by the Department, primarily through the TA Director, at the time of GTA assignment.