

Table 2: Graduate Student Enrolment, 2014-15 to 2023-24

	Master's						
	Summer & Fall FTEs (Full-time Equivalent)			All Terms BIUs	Fall Full-time Headcounts		
	Eligible	Ineligible	Total	Eligible	Eligible	Ineligible	Total
2014-15	28,051	11,528	39,579	89,080	25,600	11,290	36,890
2015-16	28,974	11,959	40,933	91,872	26,649	11,709	38,358
2016-17	30,274	12,939	43,213	96,335	27,951	12,635	40,586
2017-18	31,049	14,915	45,964	99,950	28,737	14,633	43,370
2018-19	31,749	16,328	48,077	101,819	29,382	15,992	45,374
2019-20	32,450	17,781	50,231	104,157	29,940	17,464	47,404
2020-21	33,619	16,789	50,408	107,310	30,846	16,462	47,308
2021-22	33,611	19,645	53,256	108,393	30,743	19,279	50,022
2022-23	31,515	21,985	53,501	102,239	28,673	21,639	50,312
2023-24	30,987	24,158	55,145	100,508	28,099	23,795	51,894

	Doctoral						
	Summer & Fall FTEs (Full-time Equivalent)			All Terms BIUs	Fall Full-time Headcounts		
	Eligible	Ineligible	Total	Eligible	Eligible	Ineligible	Total
2014-15	11,754	7,945	19,699	66,545	11,511	7,729	19,240
2015-16	11,840	8,004	19,844	66,567	11,604	7,783	19,387
2016-17	11,756	8,053	19,809	66,470	11,540	7,816	19,356
2017-18	12,333	7,826	20,159	69,738	12,113	7,596	19,709
2018-19	13,103	7,661	20,764	73,915	12,890	7,446	20,336
2019-20	13,882	7,870	21,752	77,974	13,670	7,639	21,309
2020-21	14,408	8,449	22,857	81,563	14,181	8,233	22,414
2021-22	14,489	9,518	24,007	81,789	14,261	9,310	23,571
2022-23	14,301	10,087	24,388	81,353	14,060	9,866	23,926
2023-24	14,103	10,417	24,520	80,269	13,857	10,189	24,046

Source: Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU)

Notes:

1. Total graduate student enrolments consist of three categories: "Graduate Diploma", "Master's" and "Doctoral". Enrolments in the first category are not included in this table the numbers are small.

Graduate students - graduate students are enrolled in graduate programs such as graduate diplomas and certificates, master's and doctoral.

2. Eligible & Ineligible - refers to the eligibility of a student for operating grants. Students are considered eligible if they are either Canadian citizens, permanent residents, eligible international students or protected persons, and are enrolled at an eligible institution, in a publicly-supported program that is approved after meeting the specific eligibility criteria set by the MCU.

3. Undergraduate and graduate FTEs are counted differently. Undergraduate FTEs are counted as a proportion of a normal full-time load for a particular program and level of registration over an academic year ("all terms"). Full-time undergraduate students normally register for two terms per academic year, and those taking a full course load generate 0.5 FTE each term or 1.0 FTE in total. Undergraduate students taking fewer courses than a full course load will generate proportionately fewer FTEs, and those taking more than a full course load or earning credits in a third term generate more FTEs. Graduate students are counted per term. By convention, graduate FTEs are approximated by summing FTEs in fall and summer terms. Graduate students normally register for three terms. Full-time graduate students generate 1.0 FTE and part-time graduate students 0.3 FTE.

4. Ineligible FTEs prior to 2006-07 are estimated since not all institutions reported ineligible FTEs. COU used the following formula to infer the ineligible FTEs from headcounts for those that did not report: $FTE = \text{full-time headcounts} + \text{part-time headcounts} * 0.3$.

5. BIUs (Basic Income Unit) - units derived from FTEs. Each institution's BIUs are arrived at by multiplying FTEs by a weighting factor depending on the program of registration and the level of study. Undergraduate students weightings in non-medical programs are from 1.0 to 3.0; masters, 3.0 to 4.0; and doctoral, 6.0. BIUs published here do not include imputing adjustments for undergraduate students and minima/maxima provisions for graduate students, and **thus should not be used to calculate funding impact**.

6. Headcounts - every student enrolled is counted as one headcount regardless of registration status or course load or level of study. Fall term full-time headcounts (counted on November 1st) are a commonly used measure for enrolments.

7. Full-time - students taking more than a certain percentage of full load course work (i.e. threshold). Different institutions have different cut-off percentages. It also varies in time for one institution. For example, the full-time threshold for University of Toronto was changed from 80% to 60% in 2003-04, resulting in an increase in full-time students (and a decrease in part-time students). Starting in 2015-16, McMaster adopted 60% of a full time load as a full time student (previously it was 80%).

8. The total numbers include Algoma University and Dominican University College. Algoma became a university in 2009-10. Starting in 2013-14 Dominican's enrolment is included with Carleton University.