

Doctoral Completion Award (DCA)

Overview and Award Criteria

The aim of the Doctoral Completion Award (DCA) is to help ensure that meritorious PhD students who are no longer receiving the normal funding can complete their degree program within time limit. The award is competitive. Criteria include: academic merit and quality of research, the availability of alternative funding, and, if appropriate, special features of the research program that require more time than usual. Please note that personal financial emergencies should not normally carry much weight since these may make the student eligible for Emergency Grant support.

Award Value

The award value depends on the number of students who apply and are awarded the DCA. Please note that the students awarded will receive the Doctoral Completion in three equal installments. The second and the third installments will be awarded only by providing an attested progress report. Students must be registered to receive award payments and will not receive any payments once degree requirements are completed.

Eligibility

Applicants for the DCA must:

Be in Year 6 during the academic year 2017-18.

Be full-time PhD students who are within the time-limit of their degree.

Be in good academic standing including having achieved candidacy and having satisfactory supervisory committee reports.

No longer be receiving the normal funding package for PhD students in the year for which they are applying.

Recipients may hold a DCA in two successive years if they remain eligible.

Application Deadlines for the 2017-18 Academic year will be set by the Department.

The 2017-18 DCA award is for students who will be eligible for the award as of May 2017, September 2017, or January 2018.

Please note that **a portion of the DCA funds are OSOTF-restricted** and must be awarded to students who demonstrate financial need. The Graduate Awards Office has a [Financial Need Assessment Form \(OSOTF\)](#) available to include in your application.