



## **The Graduate Students' Association of Concordia University of Edmonton**

# **GSA FEE POLICY**

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## Policy Title: GSA Fee Policy

### Definitions

**GSA:** The Graduate Students' Association of Concordia University of Edmonton

**CUE:** Concordia University of Edmonton

**Association:** The Graduate Students' Association of Concordia University of Edmonton

**GRC:** GRC is a group of Active Members from eligible departments as defined in the GSA bylaws.

**Member:** Member means a member of the Association, and includes an Active Member, Associate Member or Honorary Member.

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**Active Member:** Any individual registered as a graduate student in the Faculty of Graduate Studies or as "Credit Certificate" and "Diploma Program" student at CUE who pay full- or part-time Association fees shall be Active Member of the Association.

**Associate Member:** Visiting graduate student as defined in CUE policies and procedures shall be considered to be an associate member of the Association.

**Honorary Member:** The GRC may confer honorary membership to any person deemed worthy; such persons shall be known as Honorary Members of the Association.

**Membership Fee:** The amount of money graduate students pays to be a member of the Association.

**ab-GPAC:** The Alberta Graduate Provincial Advocacy Council (ab-GPAC) is an inclusive, student-led, non-partisan organization that advocates to the public, private and plural organizations on behalf of almost 16,000 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and Non-STEM graduate students. ab-GPAC comprises the Graduate Students' Associations of Athabasca University, the University of Alberta, University of Calgary and Concordia University of Edmonton.

### Applicability

This document applies to all GSA members.

### Reason

This document is meant to outline, the amount of membership fees, the amount of fee levies collected from students. This document is also meant to outline, the advocacy fee that may be collected from students.

### Policy

1. GSA Membership fees are collected by the Registrar's office of CUE.
2. GSA fee levies are collected by the Registrar's office of CUE.
3. GSA Membership fees and GSA fee levies are collected each term and shall be deposited to GSA's bank account by eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) week of each term.
4. GSA's membership fees to the advocacy group may be collected from students by the Registrar's office of CUE.

## Membership Fees

1. All the students are assessed Membership fees per credit, to a maximum of nine credits per term.
2. The GSA Membership fees are \$16.67 CAD per credit.
3. Amendments to the Membership fees are established by a simple majority of members at the referendum.

## Fee Levy

### 1. Graduate Student Support Fund

1. All the students are assessed a fee levy amount per credit, to a maximum of nine credits per term.
2. This fee levy will be used to generate funds that will provide support in the form of scholarships and bursaries to the graduate level students of CUE, who are also the active members of GSA.
3. Fee Levies amounts according to the credits per term are,
  - 3.1 Full-time graduate students (enrolled in 9 credits or more in a term) will pay \$25 CAD per term
  - 3.2 Graduate students (enrolled in less than 9 credits in a term) will pay \$2.75 CAD per credit per term
4. Amendments to the amount of fee levy are established by a simple majority of members at the referendum.

## Advocacy Fees

1. GSA pays an annual fee of \$4 CAD per enrolled student at the end of an academic year as membership fees to the ab-GPAC.
2. GSA may collect these advocacy fees from students regardless of their credits per term by establishing a simple majority of members at the referendum.