List of PGSS Association Fees as of Fall 2014

1) PGSS Regular Membership Fee (Detail Code: PGSS) ($33.84/member/term)

The Post-Graduate Students’ Society (PGSS) represents all graduate students and postdoctoral fellows at McGill University. The PGSS engages in advocacy, outreach, and lobbying, provides activities, events and services to its members, and operates restaurant, pub and catering services out of the David Thomson House Graduate Student Centre which it maintains for its members.

This fee is levied equally from every PGSS regular member on a per-term (fall and winter) basis. This fee has no end date, is not opt-outable, and increases each year with the Consumer Price Index (as calculated for the previous calendar year ending on March 31st). Any changes to the fee can only be made following a referendum of PGSS members conducted by the Post-Graduate Students’ Society (PGSS).

2) PGSS Student Life Fee (Detail Code: PGSL) ($10.10/member/term)

This fee is used by the PGSS to provide funding to Post-Graduate Student Associations (PGSA) that the PGSS recognizes following procedures set out in its governing documents. Collected funds are made available to PGSS recognized PGSAs in proportion to each PGSA’s number of members.

This fee is levied equally from every PGSS regular member on a per-term (fall and winter) basis. This fee has no end date and not opt-outable. Any changes to the fee can only be made following a referendum of PGSS members conducted by the Post-Graduate Students Society (PGSS).

3) PGSS Legal Support Fee (Detail Code: PGLS) ($1.01/member/term)

This fee is for the purpose of allowing the PGSS to help its members with legal problems upon decision of the PGSS’s Committee for Member Support.

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4) PGSS Needs-Based Bursaries Fee (Detail Code: PGEF) ($1.01/member/term)

This fee exists to maintain funding for the PGSS Needs-Based Bursaries Program which provides financial aid to PGSS members who demonstrate financial need, with priority given to members who are caring for dependents, or who are experiencing special hardship. The fees collected annually are partially matched by McGill University and the program is further funded by income from an endowment created by the PGSS and the University for such purpose. The Program is administered by McGill’s Scholarships and Student Aid Office.

This fee is levied equally on every PGSS member, each fall and winter term. The fee has no end date and is not opt-outable. Any changes to the fee can only be made following a referendum of PGSS members conducted by the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS).
5) PGSS Thomson House Upkeep Fee (Detail Code: PGSP) ($0.76/member/term)

This fee is for the purpose of financing the maintenance by the PGSS of the David Thomson House Graduate Student Centre which is the home of the PGSS. This fee is not for the purpose capital investments or leasehold improvements.

This fee is levied equally from every PGSS regular member on a per-semester (fall and winter) basis. The fee has no end date and is not opt-outable. Any changes to the fee can only be made following a referendum of PGSS members conducted by the Post-Graduate Students’ Society (PGSS).

6) PGSS Special Projects Fee (Detail Code: PGPR) ($4.80/member/term)

This fee is for the purpose of financing special projects of the PGSS that require funding outside the normal operational funding implemented by PGSS’ permanent fee levies. Special projects are approved by the PGSS in accordance with the procedures set out in its governing documents.

This fee is levied equally from every PGSS regular member on a per-semester (fall and winter) basis. This fee levy ends in the winter term of 2027 and is not opt-outable for the duration. Any changes to the fee can only be made following referendum of PGSS members conducted by the Post-Graduate Students’ Society (PGSS).

7) PGSS Grants Program Fee (Detail Code: PGGP) ($2.07/member/term)

This fee establishes the funding for the PGSS-GPS Grants Program which provides financial support for events and projects of academic and philanthropic nature initiated by and for PGSS members and PGSS - Post-Graduate Student Associations. It can be used to help host conferences, lecture series, symposia and a host of other events and projects. The Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies also contributes to the funding for this program. The Grants Program Fund is administered by the PGSS and disbursements are made the PGSS Member Services Committee in accordance with the PGSS’s governing documents.

This fee is levied equally from every PGSS regular member on a per-semester (fall and winter) basis. This fee has no end date and is not opt-outable. Any changes to the fee can only be made following a referendum of PGSS members conducted by the Post-Graduate Students’ Society (PGSS).

8) PGSS FEUQ Membership Fee (Detail Code: PGFQ) ($2.53/member/term)

This fee allows the PGSS to maintain the membership it established in 2009 in the Fédération étudiante universitaire du Québec (Quebec Federation of University Students).

This fee is levied equally from every PGSS regular member on a per-term (fall and winter) basis. This fee has no end date and is not opt-outable. Any changes to the fee can only be made following a referendum of PGSS members conducted by the Post-Graduate Students’ Society (PGSS).
9) PGSS Library Improvement Fee (Detail Code: PGLF) ($3.03/member/term)

This fee exists to provide additional support to the McGill University Library Network. All fees collected are matched by McGill University. The Office of the Trenholme Dean of Libraries and the PGSS Library Committee cooperatively decide to which library improvement project(s) the fees will be allocated.

This fee is levied equally from every PGSS member, each fall and winter term. This fee has no end date and is not opt-outable. Any changes to the fee can only be made following a referendum of PGSS members conducted by the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS).

10) PGSS Health and Dental Insurance Plan Fee (Detail Codes: PGDE, and PGHE)

Graduate students classed as Canadian full-time or additional session/non-thesis extension, as well as all students in a thesis evaluation term or who are postdoctoral candidates, are automatically covered by the Post-Graduate Students' Society's Health and Dental Insurance Plan (HDIP). Students who do not have valid Canadian Medicare (e.g. RAMQ, OHIP, etc.) should refer to the University Administered Health Plan section below.

In 2014-2015, the PGSS plan will cost $419.06 (Health: $242.19, Dental: $176.87). Students not charged for insurance fees during the fall term can choose to enrol in the insurance plan by contacting the insurance plan's provider, l'Alliance étudiante pour la santé au Québec (ASEQ) during the January change of coverage period. For details on what is covered by the Health and Dental Insurance plan as well as opt-in and opt-out procedures and deadlines, please refer to the information contained on http://ihaveaplan.ca/PGSS.

Any changes to the fee can only be made following a referendum of PGSS members conducted by the Post-Graduate Students' Society (PGSS).