

Frost Centre policy for 5th year CAST PhD funding

The School of Graduate Studies does not have an established model for funding PhD students beyond the 4th year. The Frost Centre endeavours to offer CAST PhD students 5th year funding based on the following accomplishments in the programme:

- Successful completion of two comprehensive exams
- Successful defence of dissertation proposal
- Significant accomplishment of dissertation research and/or demonstrated progress in the writing of the dissertation. The Director should consult with the student's supervisor to determine progress in these areas.

These Frost Centre monies will be paid out in three equivalent sums over the three terms of the 5th year.

PhD students who have not achieved the above benchmarks in the program can apply in writing to the Director for special consideration for 5th year funding. The Director will take such requests to the Frost Centre Board for consideration. Medical issues are not sufficient reason for not adhering to this policy as there is provision for medical leaves as needed while enrolled in a Trent graduate program.

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