



## Leave of Absence

### Financial Benefits:

- x Graduate students may qualify for pregnancy/parental benefits such as paid pregnancy/parental leave or sick leave if they are employed as Graduate Teaching Assistants (GTA); consult the GTA Collective Agreement for further information.
- x Graduate Students who are awarded funding through an external agency e.g. Tri-Agency (Research Grant or External Scholarship), OGS etc. may be entitled to certain benefits and should check with the particular granting agency for further information.

### Service Benefits:

- x Graduate students while on leave may opt into the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS) health plan which includes coverage of prescription drugs, as well as basic dental care and vision coverage.
  - x Graduate students while on leave may opt into Campus Recreation Services.
  - x Graduate students will retain email and library privileges.
  - x Student Health Services are available to those on leave.
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- x Graduate students on medical leave can retain bus pass service. Contact the Society of Graduate Students for more information.
  - x During a Compassionate leave international students can opt into UHIP for up to four months.