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Date: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS)

Re: **2024 University of Alberta Graduate Entrance Scholarships**

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) is pleased to announce the 2024 University of Alberta Graduate Entrance Scholarship competition. This competition is open to newly admitted graduate students that were highly ranked in their department at admission.

Eligibility

- The following admission terms are eligible: January 2024, May 2024, July 2024, and September 2024
- Must be a newly admitted student in one of the above terms in a doctoral or master's program
- Open to domestic and international students
- Open to course-based or thesis students
- Must have an Admission GPA of 3.7 or higher
- Must be full-time registered during the tenure of the award. (Note: This award is payable in September 2024 regardless of the admit term of the student)

Selection Criteria

Refer to most current [Scholarships and Awards Manual](#) (under Forms Cabinet/Awards), *Section 2.6 Criteria used to Determine Academic Standing*

Value and Funding

Stipend: Master's: \$17,500; Doctoral: \$21,000. Students must have a Canadian bank account to receive the award.

Tuition and Fees: Domestic students will receive an additional \$7,100, and international students will receive an additional \$10,000 to help cover tuition fees. The funds will be applied directly to students' tuition and fees account.

Recipients who hold/receive a Tri-Council scholarship or any other major award valued at \$17,500 or above at any time while holding the Graduate Entrance Scholarship, the scholarship may become

Honorary with a reduced stipend or no monetary value. If the tuition and fees are covered by another award, whether external or from the U of A, tuition and fees will not be covered by the Graduate Entrance Scholarship. The Graduate Entrance Scholarship (including Honorary) will appear on the students' U of A transcript.

Complete details regarding regulations of this award (ex. Honorary status, tuition and fees, etc.) are in the [Scholarships and Awards Manual](#).

Nomination Process

Each Department may only submit one nomination for each award category: one Doctoral, one Master's Thesis-Based, and one Master's Course-Based. Nomination quotas cannot be transferred from one program to another. For example, if a Department does not have a Master's Course-Based candidate, the Department CANNOT use the Master's Course-Based allocation to submit an additional Doctoral or Master's Thesis-Based nomination.

1) Nomination Requirements: Each requirement is mandatory, and must be uploaded as a separate PDF document to each designated file section in the GSMS Portal; ***please do not upload duplicate documents:***

- a) **Department Nomination Letter** (two page maximum)
Letter must be on a letterhead and written/signed by the Department Graduate Chair/Coordinator (or delegate) with signing authority. Pages in excess of the number permitted will be redacted.
- b) **Student's CV**
- c) **Two Letters of Reference**
Each letter of reference must be uploaded separately. Departments are welcome to use the letters of reference from the student's admission application. Note that GPS Award Services does not pull these letters from the Admissions system.
- d) **All Post-Secondary Transcripts**
 - Upload as one combined PDF
 - Transcripts are to be organized from most recent to least recent.
 - If the nominee is currently registered at the U of A, please upload their most up-to-date U of A transcript. Unofficial U of A transcripts are accepted.
 - If the file size is too large to upload under the "Transcript 1" section in GSMS, Departments can split the transcripts into two PDF's and upload the second PDF under the "Transcript 2" section.

2) GSMS Awards Portal Submission: Deadline: Monday, April 15, 2024 by 4:00 PM: Departments must submit their nominations to GPS via the GSMS Awards Portal. Nominations for each graduate program

must be uploaded and submitted in the appropriate award competition pool i.e. doctoral nomination must be submitted under the U of A Doctoral Entrance Scholarship.

There are cases in which a newly admitted student may not show up in the GSMS Awards Portal while the admission is in certain stages of processing. If the student does not appear in the Department's Awards Portal, Departments are to do the following:

- a) Combine the Nomination Requirements into a single PDF in the order listed (step 1) above.
- b) Label the PDF as follows: STUDENT ID_LAST NAME, FIRST NAME_ENTRANCE
- c) Email the Nomination PDF package to grad.awards@ualberta.ca (by the same deadline above) indicating in the subject line: DEPARTMENT NAME – Entrance Scholarship Nomination

Note the two Inter-Departmental awards (Friends of the University of Alberta Society Graduate Award and Jean Isabel Soper Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Science) that were combined with the Entrance nominations in prior competition years will not be included this year. However, Departments can expect them to be included with the other 2024 Inter-Department awards announcement (June 30, 2024 deadline).

We wish all departments the best of luck in this competition!

Sincerely,

Award Services