

Graduate Awards Competition and CSM Harmonized Scholarships



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The University of Calgary, located in the heart of Southern Alberta, both acknowledges and pays tribute to the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta (Districts 5 and 6).

Housekeeping

- Please remain muted unless you would like to ask a question.
- Video on or off, it is up to you.
- There will be breaks throughout the workshop for questions. You can use the chat or raise your hand.
- A PDF of the slides will be emailed to all registrants and posted on the GSE website.

Outline

- Scholarships Awarded through GAC
- How to apply: focus on CSM Awards
- Application parts
- Tips and Tricks for a strong scholarship application
- Where to get help



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Scholarships Awarded through GAC

Awards Offered through GAC

- **Open to all eligible U of C thesis based graduate students**
 - Izaak Walton Killam Doctoral Scholarships
 - Open Doctoral Scholarships
 - Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships
 - Special Awards
 - Some Indigenous Awards
 - Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (AGES) – International
- GAC application required for program AGES
- Citizenship requirements vary by award

CSM Scholarship Harmonization

- Students fill out multiple applications for scholarships
 - Transcript requests
 - Letters of reference
 - Application content (proposal, accomplishments)
- Harmonization with GAC streamlines application process
 - One application for multiple awards
 - Institutional memory
 - Transcripts
 - Letters of reference (1 year)
 - Application contents

New since 2021: Scholarships offered through CSM and Institutes

- CSM Scholarship
- Achievers in Medical Science Doctoral
- Eleanor Mackie Doctoral
- WH Davies
- ACHRI Graduate Scholarship
- Libin Cardiovascular Institute Scholarships (12)
- Charbonneau Cancer Institute Scholarships
- Department of Medicine Scholarship



Getting started with your GAC application

What do you need to submit?

- Online application through Student Centre
 - Select Awards
 - 2 References
 - Academic History
 - Scholarship and Award History (up to 10)
 - Research Abstract (250 words) and Proposal (thesis) (800 words)
 - Bibliography (1000 words)
 - Presentations and Contributions (1000 words)
 - Leadership and Interpersonal Skills (800 words)
 - Allowable Inclusions (250 words)
- **CSM Awards: CSM Harmonized Award Form**



Where to Find Application?

my.ucalgary.ca -> Academic -> Student Centre

The screenshot shows the 'Student Centre' dashboard. On the left is a navigation menu with icons for Personal Info, Exams and Grades, Program and Advising Info, My Financials, Annual Progress Report, and Apply for Awards. The main content area includes:

- To Do (1)**: Unofficial Transcript
- Holds (0)**
- Appointments**: Open Enrollment Dates
- Exams and Grades**: Tabs for Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Spring 2020, Summer 2020.
- Shopping Cart (Potential / Pending Courses) - Fall 2019**: Includes 'Course Search' and 'Schedule Builder' buttons. A message states: 'Your Shopping Cart is empty. Please use Schedule Builder or Course Search to add classes.'
- Enrolled Courses - Fall 2019**: A table with one row:

Course (Units/Grading Basis)	Instructor	Location	Time	Day	Deadlines
MDCH 742 01 (3/GRD)	Metcalfe	HS 1461B	9:00 AM - 11:50 AM	T	

Buttons for 'Edit', 'Drop', and 'Swap' are below the table.
- Enrolment Messages**: Includes 'D2L', 'My Schedule (Calendar View)', and 'Download Calendar'.
- Quick Links - Student**:
 - View my T4/T4A
 - Download T2202A
 - My Student Declaration Request
 - Office 365 Student Email
 - Academic Requirements
 - Student Success Centre



Awards Application

Student Awards Application

The Program Application Deadline will display "TBD" until you select at least one award in your online application.

If your program deadline expires, you will be unable to edit or submit the application.

The definition of application status can be found [here](#)

Your existing applications				View All	First	1-2 of 2	Last
Award Year	Name	Application Number	Status		Program Application Deadline		
2020	Graduate Award Competition	10005727	In Progress	Edit	View TBD		Cancel
2019	Graduate Award Competition	10000550	Submitted		View 25 Jan 2019		



Create New Application

To create a new application, select one of the links below:

- [Graduate Award Competition](#)
- [Graduate Award Competition](#)

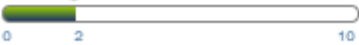
Academic Information











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Task Details  

Legend

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Task Progress 

-  * Guidelines
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-  * Submission

Graduate Award Competition

UCID Number _____

Family Name _____ First Name _____

Current Academic Information

Your graduate program determines which awards you may be eligible for. For example, if you are planning to be registered in a doctoral program at the time the scholarship is paid, the application will identify the list of scholarships open to students in that doctoral program.

Program currently registered in Graduate Studies Doctoral

Degree Doctor of Philosophy

Area of study Chemistry

Start Term of Degree 2181

Registration Status Full-Time

Program you will be registered in at the time the scholarship is paid

If the program you are requesting funding for is the same as your current program, check the box below. If the program is not the same as your current program, complete the information for your future program. For example, if you are currently a master's thesis-based student and you are entering a doctoral program in the fall, enter your doctoral program information.

Same as current academic information

Start term of degree

Graduate Program

Degree

Area of study



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Award Selection – Graduate Award Competition

The following scholarships are open to students in the graduate degree program you are requesting funding for. You must meet the eligibility requirement of each award you apply for.

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- Open Doctoral Scholarships**
Minimum GPA of 3.5 or First Class Standing required. Selecting individual scholarships is not required, you will be considered for all scholarships within this category.
Click [here](#) for more information.
- Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships**
Your research must fall within the descriptions of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT), or Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Technologies (AMM).
Click [here](#) for more information.
- Cumming School Of Medicine Awards**
Click [here](#) for more information.
- Special Awards**
You must meet the eligibility criteria for each individual award you apply for. Review the award terms of reference. If eligible, select the award and add it to your List of Special Awards Selected.

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Cumming School Of Medicine Awards

Click [here](#) for more information.

Click the button to open the Award List. Select the special awards you are applying for and add to your award list. The selected awards will appear under the List of Special Awards Selected.

You can delete the selected awards from the list, enter eligibility statement and attach the required supporting document. **You must click "Save" button to save any edits you have made to the list of selected special awards.**

You must provide the required eligibility Statement before submitting your application. If you are not able to attach the required supporting document before submitting your application. You will receive a checklist item. An application is not complete until the required supporting document is attached to the application.

[Click to open award list to select](#)

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[Click to open award list to select](#)

List of Awards Selected

Award Name	Eligibility Statement	Supporting Document	
Calgary Chinatown Lions Club Ida Toews Graduate Scholarship in Pediatric Cancer	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
Catherine Joan Mills Graduate Scholarship	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
Charbonneau Cancer Institute Graduate Scholarship	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
Charlie Fischer Graduate Scholarship in Advancing Patient and Family-Centred Research	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) Department of Medicine Graduate Scholarship	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
Cumming School of Medicine Graduate Scholarship	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
Eleanor Mackie Doctoral Scholarship Women's Health	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
J. Gregory Cairncross Graduate Scholarship	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
Kenneth M Stephenson Graduate Scholarship in Cardiovascular Research	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholar Graduate Scholarship	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
Robson DNA Science Centre Rising Star Graduate Scholarship	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete
William H. Davies Medical Research Scholarships	Add Eligibility Statement		Delete



Cumming School of Medicine Graduate Scholarship

This scholarship was established to attract the best graduate students to the Cumming School of Medicine and train them to become leading researchers.

Donor	Cumming School of Medicine
Field of Study	Unrestricted
Value	\$20,000
Number	Variable
Duration	Two years for master's; four years for master's transferring to doctoral; four years for doctoral
Eligibility	<p>Open to students registered full-time in a thesis-based graduate program in the Cumming School of Medicine and/or students registered full-time in a thesis-based program who are supervised by a Faculty member with a primary appointment in the Cumming School of Medicine. Students must be registered in their first year or in the first semester of their second year at time of the award start date.</p> <p>Applicants must complete a statement of eligibility (approximately 400 words) describing how they meet the eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Students are required to submit additional documentation, including a supervisor CV and training environment statement. Complete instructions on what is required found at https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/gse/current-students/scholarships (https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/gse/current-students/scholarships).</p> <p>This scholarship will be matched each year by \$10,000 from the recipient's supervisor.</p> <p>Students funded through the Cumming School of Medicine Graduate Scholarship are required to apply for all provincial, national or international scholarships for which they are eligible. Students who win other awards will have their Cumming School of Medicine scholarship funding adjusted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students winning one or more awards totaling up to \$14,999 will have their funding adjusted for a combined total of \$33,000• Students winning one or more awards totaling between \$15,000 and \$29,999 will have their funding adjusted for a combined total of \$35,000• Students winning one or more awards totaling \$30,000 or more will be provided with a \$5,000 top up. <p>Students awarded a CSM scholarship are not eligible to hold a CSM Institute scholarship.</p> <p>A cost-sharing agreement will be made between the Cumming School and the supervisor, to maintain the values stated above.</p>
Citizenship	Unrestricted
Where Tenable	University of Calgary, Faculty of Graduate Studies
Category	CSM/Institute
Apply	Students should consult the Graduate Award Competition Guidelines at https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/opportunities/gac (https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/opportunities/gac) and complete the Graduate Award Scholarship application through the Student Centre.
Deadline	Competition opens November 1. Deadlines vary by program. Contact your Graduate Program Administrator.



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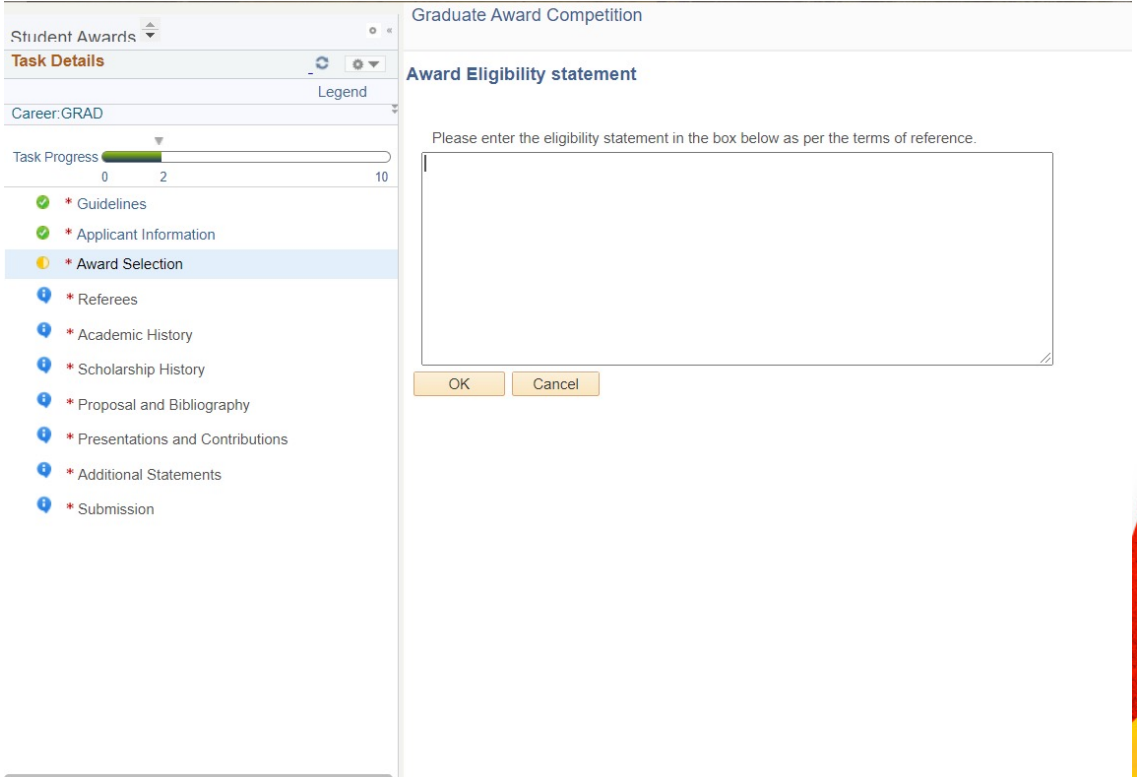
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Eligibility Statement

- ~400 words
- Page will look the same for each award, content will differ
- Information to enter will be in awards Terms of Reference or on websites
- All CSM awards have eligibility statements
 - Must fill something in for application to be complete



The screenshot displays a web application interface for 'Student Awards'. The main window is titled 'Graduate Award Competition'. On the left, a sidebar menu lists various sections: Guidelines, Applicant Information, Award Selection (highlighted), Referees, Academic History, Scholarship History, Proposal and Bibliography, Presentations and Contributions, Additional Statements, and Submission. A 'Task Progress' bar shows 2 out of 10 steps completed. The main content area is titled 'Award Eligibility statement' and contains a text input box with the instruction: 'Please enter the eligibility statement in the box below as per the terms of reference.' Below the input box are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.



CSM Harmonized Award Form 2024

Applicants: please indicate the awards you are applying for by checking the appropriate box.

1. CSM Scholarship ACHRI Graduate Scholarship
 Charlie Fisher Graduate Scholarship in Advance Patient and Family-Centred Research

The Cumming School of Medicine, ACHRI Graduate Scholarship and Charlie Fisher Graduate Scholarship in Advance Patient and Family-Centred Research will be supplemented each year by \$10,000 from the supervisor's and/or co-supervisor's funds or another relevant source. Primary supervisor must be a member of the CSM (CSM Scholarship) or ACHRI (ACHRI Scholarship and Charlie Fisher Graduate Scholarship in Advance Patient and Family-Centred Research)

2. Department of Medicine Graduate Scholarship.

The Department of Medicine Graduate Scholarship will be matched each year by \$12,500 from the supervisor's and/or co-supervisor's funds. Supervisor must be a member of the Department of Medicine

3. Charbonneau Cancer Institute Scholarships.

The following Charbonneau Cancer Institute Scholarships will be matched each year by \$15,000 (MSc) or \$17,500 (PhD) from the supervisor and/or co-supervisors funds. Primary supervisor must be a Charbonneau member.

- RDSC Rising Star Graduate Scholarship
- Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholar

4. Libin Cardiovascular Institute Scholarships.

The following Libin Cardiovascular Institute Scholarships will be matched each year by \$12,500 from the supervisor and/or co-supervisors funds. Primary supervisor must be a Libin member.

- Master's Scholarship
- BRAIN CREATE Master's Scholarship
- Master's Scholarship in Women's Cardiovascular Health
- Master's Scholarship in Cardiovascular Health Promotion
- Doctoral Scholarship
- BRAIN CREATE Doctoral Scholarship
- Doctoral Scholarship in Women's Cardiovascular Health

The applicant and the supervisor(s) have carefully read the terms of reference (TOR) for each applicable award(s) and followed instructions to complete this form. By signing and submitting this form both the applicant and the supervisor(s) accept the rules and regulations outlined in the applicable award TOR. The supervisor agrees to the financial contributions for each award selected on this form *above*.

Supervisor signature:

Date:

- All CSM/Institute awards require this form
 - Available on GSE and institute web sites
- Student
 - Indicates awards applied for
 - Only awards requiring supervisor contribution listed
 - Fills out Training Expectations, Sex and Gender in research section
- Supervisor
 - Training Environment
 - Signatures on awards requiring supervisor contribution



CSM Harmonized Award Form 2024

Student Awards Application

The Program Application Deadline will display "TBD" until you select at least one award in your online application. If your program deadline expires, you will be unable to edit or submit the application. The definition of application status can be found [here](#)

Your existing applications				View All	First	1-2 of 2	Last
Award Year	Name	Application Number	Status	Program Application Deadline			
2020	Graduate Award Competition	10002245	Submitted	View 20 Jun 2019	Supporting Documents		
2019	Graduate Award Competition	10001600	Cancelled	23 Jan 2019			

Create New Application

To create a new application, select one of the links below:
[Graduate Award Competition](#)
[Indigenous Award Competition](#)

Supporting Documents

CSM Harmonized Award Form

In order to be considered eligible for the Cumming School Of Medicine (CSM) category of awards, candidates are required to upload the CSM Harmonized Award form. The form and complete instructions on what is required can be found at <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/gse/current-students/scholarships>.

To upload your supporting document, please click the "Apply for Awards" tab to access the link on your Student Awards Application Page.

Due Date: 2023/10/26

[Upload](#)

- Starting this year, form is directly uploaded to the GAC.
- Only need to do this once for your entire GAC application
- Do not send email your form to the GSE office or institutes!
- Form is due at the same time as the rest of the GAC application
 - CSM programs: Jan 15, 2024
 - Other programs: check with your GPA

Harmonized Award Form Review

- Supervisor Portion (Training Environment)
 - Does the supervisor/co-supervisor have funding to support the student's project?
 - Is the student going to an active research environment?
 - Is there a well-developed plan for training?
- Student Portion (Training Expectations)
 - Is the student eligible for the award?
 - Are there criteria not covered in the GAC application regarding the student that we need to consider?

Deadlines

- GAC Online Application for all CSM programs: **Jan 15, 2024** by 11:59 PM MST. This includes uploading the Harmonized Award Form
- Applicants outside of CSM programs: check with your program for deadlines. Your deadline could be earlier!
- Incomplete applications are not reviewed at FGS or in the CSM.



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Award Eligibility

CSM and AIMS Doctoral Eligibility

- CSM Scholarship
 - In first year or first semester of second year at award start date (May)
 - M.Sc. and direct entry to Ph.D. in thesis-based programs
 - Supervisor has a primary appointment in CSM
 - Citizenship is unrestricted
 - Eligibility statement: Supervisor affiliation and time in program
- Achievers in Medical Science (AIMS) Doctoral
 - First year direct entry to Ph.D. or first year of transfer to Ph.D. from M.Sc.
 - Citizenship unrestricted
 - Students must be registered in a CSM graduate program
 - Eligibility statement: Student affiliation and degree stream
- Students cannot already hold major awards to be eligible for CSM and AIMS
 - CSM and AIMS holders are required to apply for all awards they are eligible for

Eleanor Mackie Doctoral Scholarship in Women's Health And WH Davies Medical Research Scholarship

- Eleanor Mackie
 - Doctoral students in CSM graduate programs
 - Research area: Microbiology and/or Immunology pertaining to women's health
 - Eligibility statement AND research proposal used to determine fit to mandate
- WH Davies
 - Full time students in thesis based graduate programs
 - Students cannot hold more than \$3,000 in award funding (includes monetary awards, scholarship, studentships, etc.) in Fall 2023-Winter 2024 academic year
 - Students must have a GPA equal to or higher than 3.3 (B+) over the graduate courses taken to date
 - Supervisor with primary appointment in CSM
 - Eligibility statement: supervisor affiliation and funding



ACHRI Graduate Scholarships

- Charlie Fischer Graduate Scholarship, ACHRI Graduate Scholarship
- Open to students registered full-time in a graduate degree program (MSc & PhD) whose primary field of study is in Child Health and Wellness
- Must be under the supervision of ACHRI member
- Scholarship requires supervisor matching
- Eligibility statement (400 words) describing how their research supports child health and wellness
- Citizenship: Unrestricted

Contact: Laurel Ryan (laurel.ryan@albertahealthservices.ca) and Julia Klenin (jklenin@ucalgary.ca)

Libin Scholarships

- Must be registered in a Masters or Doctoral program and supervised by a full Libin member
- All Libin scholarships require supervisor matching
 - Exception: Giving Day Awards
- Citizenship: Unrestricted
- Students can only hold one Libin scholarship at a time.

Contact: Alina Kotylova at alina.kotylova@ucalgary.ca
Dr. Satish Raj at satish.raj@ucalgary.ca

Libin Scholarships

- Libin Masters and Doctoral Graduate Scholarships
 - Eligibility Statement: Describe how research supports cardiovascular health
- Libin Masters and Doctoral Graduate Scholarships in Women's Cardiovascular Health
 - Eligibility Statement: Describe how research supports women's cardiovascular health
- Libin Cardiovascular Institute BRAIN CREATE Masters and Doctoral Scholarship
 - Eligibility Statement: Describe how research supports cardiovascular health and how it involves the development of neurotechnologies and have a potential commercial spinoff
 - Recipients must agree to BRAIN CREATE Terms of Reference

Libin Scholarships

- Libin MSc Graduate Scholarship in Cardiovascular Health Promotion
 - Must be under supervision of a full member of the LCI and the Person to Population (P2) research collaboration group, whose research focuses on Cardiovascular Health Promotion.
 - Eligibility Statement: Describe how research relates to cardiovascular health promotion

Libin Scholarships

- Giving Day Awards (open to Masters and Doctoral students)
 - Eligibility Statement: Describe how research supports cardiovascular health
 - Todd and Karen Anderson Graduate Scholarship in Cardiovascular Research
 - Alvin Libin Graduate Scholarship in Cardiovascular Research
 - Kenneth M. Stephenson Graduate Scholarship in Cardiovascular Research
 - Anne M. Gillis Graduate Scholarship in Cardiovascular Research

Department of Medicine Scholarships

- Open to students registered in CSM graduate programs
- Supervisor or co-supervisor must be full member of the Department of Medicine
- Supervisor must be an Early Career Investigator within 84 months of initial appointment, excluding leaves of absence
- One year awards
 - MSc: \$12,500 + \$12,500 supervisor contribution
 - PhD: \$17,500 + \$12,500 supervisor contribution
- <https://www.departmentofmedicine.com/csm-department-of-medicine-graduate-scholarship/>

Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute

- Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute Graduate Scholarship
- J. Gregory Cairncross Graduate Scholarship
- Catherine Joan Mills Graduate Scholarship
- Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholar
- Robson DNA Science Centre Rising Star
- Eligibility: Supervisor is a member of the Charbonneau Institute
 - Individual awards have additional requirements listed in awards Terms of Reference

Alberta Innovates, Killam, and Open Doctoral

- You must meet the eligibility criteria for **each** award you are applying for.
 - Terms of reference for the Entrance, Killam, Open Doctoral, and Special Awards can be found on the [Graduate Award Database](https://iac01.ucalgary.ca/FGSA/Public/PublicHome.aspx).
[<https://iac01.ucalgary.ca/FGSA/Public/PublicHome.aspx>]
 - Terms for the Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships can be found at <https://albertainnovates.ca/programs/graduate-student-scholarships/>
- Eligibility for the Killam and Open Doctoral categories requires a first-class average, in the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent). At the University of Calgary that is an **average of 3.5 or higher**.



Program Quotas

For the Killam Doctoral Scholarship: Each graduate program is allocated a certain number of spots to forward applications

- Some programs are more transparent than others in this regards (e.g., will inform students that have been forwarded). Please speak with your program in late February/early March if you have not been told either way.
- All Open Doctoral, Special Awards, and Alberta Innovates applications are forwarded to the competition, no Graduate Program quotas



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Questions?

Writing a strong scholarship application

Top Reasons Good Students Don't Get Funded

- Not applying!
- Not following instructions – i.e. addressing criteria/stretching rules.
- Frustrating evaluators by making material hard to find.
- Content, context and/or impact of research not clearly stated.
- Proposal lacks hypothesis/research objective and has insufficient detail in the methods.
- Not addressing possible weaknesses in the application.
- A generic letter of reference. The letter is positive but gives no specifics and does not address criteria.

How to create a strong scholarship application

- **Start early**
 - Writing a strong application takes time and planning. Make a schedule so that you can meet the competition deadlines and submit with confidence.
- **Know what you are applying for**
 - Read the terms of reference to confirm you meet the eligibility criteria and understand what is required to complete the application.
 - Check the TO DO LIST --- is it complete?

Top Things the Adjudicator Wants To Know

- What is this person going to do and is the research feasible?
- What will be the outcomes and their impact? Is it new? Who will care?
- Is this a good investment?
- Do I have a picture of who this person is?

*****Most scholarships fund the student, not just the project*****

Scan Test:

- Have someone outside your field read your application **quickly** (scan it, ~5 minutes).
- What major point(s) do they take away from it? Is it what you wanted them to?

Selection Criteria: online GAC reviewed by FGS

- 40 % Academic Excellence
 - Transcripts
 - Awards
 - Reference assessments (x2)
- 40 % Research Potential
 - Research proposal
 - Presentations and Contributions
 - Awards
 - Reference assessments (x2)
- 20% Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills
 - Leadership Statement
 - Reference assessments (x2)

Adjudication—from adjudicator point of view—for the GAC (not HAF)

- GAC Online Application adjudicated for GAC awards (Killam, Open, Entrance, AI, Special Awards, Indigenous, AGES-International) by FGS
 - Adjudication uses FGS criteria. Applications are scored and ranked
- CSM Awards adjudicated separately
 - GAC score and ranking for online application
 - "Secondary" Review of Harmonized Awards Attachment
 - GSE review committee decides CSM, AIMS, Eleanor Mackie, WH Davies
 - Institutes adjudicate applications for their own awards

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Academic Excellence (40 %)

- As demonstrated by past academic results, transcripts, awards and distinctions
 - Academic record (first class average, 3.5)
 - Scholarships and awards held
 - Duration of previous studies
 - Type of program and courses pursued
 - Course load
 - Relative standing (if available)



Academic History - Transcripts

- List **ALL** post-secondary institutions, whether you received a degree from those institutions or not
- Transcripts for all institutions will be uploaded by the Graduate Program Administrator in the program for which you are applying for funding.
- Ensure you delete all duplicate entries and add any missing degree data as required.

Academic History					
Academic Institution	Degree/Diploma	From Date	To Date		
Shiraz University (SU)	Master of Inorganic Chemistry	2006/09/01	2009/09/30	Edit	Delete
Arak University	Bachelor of Applied Chemistry	2001/01/01	2005/06/30	Edit	Delete

Add new institution

Save

Scholarship History

- Up to 10 scholarships or awards you have received
 - Do not include: assistantships, supervisor funding, group awards or funding paid through grants
 - Balance between prestige, most recent and \$ value
- Include dates in chronological order starting from the most recent to the oldest
- Annual value
 - If multi-year award, this is the amount per year
 - E.g. Vanier CGS is \$50,000 / year
 - If one time payout, just list that
 - E.g. AGES is \$11,000 (one time)

Scholarship History

- Funding Source

- Federal
- Non-profit
- Other
- Provincial
- University

Scholarship History

List up to ten scholarships or awards that you have been awarded. Do not include assistantships, supervisor funding, group awards or funding paid through grants. Indicate the dates of tenure in chronological order starting from the most recent to oldest.

If the prestige of the award is not apparent, you can add a statement to the Comments section. For example, the \$800 John Smith Scholarship is awarded to the top Engineering student each year.

If you have not been awarded scholarships at this time, save the page to continue.

Scholarship History								
*Name of Scholarship or Award	*Start Date	*End Date	Annual Value	Funding Source				
Queen Elizabeth II	2018/05/01 <input type="text"/>	2019/04/30 <input type="text"/>	10800.00	Federal <input type="text"/>	View/Edit comment	Add	Delete	
Entrance award	2018/01/01 <input type="text"/>	2018/01/01 <input type="text"/>	1000.00	University <input type="text"/>	View/Edit comment	Add	Delete	

Save

- View/Edit Comment

- Use this section to provide context
 - E.g., Did you have to decline the second year of the award, but it is a multi-year award?
 - E.g., CSM is awarded to 15 U Calgary graduate students only (MSc and PhD)

Selection Criteria: online GAC reviewed at FGS

- 40 % Academic Excellence
 - Transcripts
 - Awards
 - Reference assessments (x2)
- 40 % Research Potential
 - Research proposal
 - Presentations and Contributions
 - Awards
 - Reference assessments (x2)
- 20% Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills
 - Leadership Statement
 - Reference assessments (x2)



Research Potential (40%)

- Demonstrated by the applicant's research history, proposed research, potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field, and any anticipated outcomes
 - Quality and originality of contributions to research and development
 - Relevance of work experience and academic training to field of proposed research
 - Significance, feasibility, and merit of proposed research
 - Judgment and ability to think critically
 - Ability to apply skills and knowledge
 - Initiative, autonomy and independence
 - Research experience and achievements relative to expectations of someone with the candidate's academic experience

Research Proposal

- Title of research proposal or statement of study (254 characters)
- Lay abstract (250 words)
 - Summary of whole thesis or statement of study
 - Should capture all major elements of your work
- Research proposal (800 words)
- Bibliography and works cited (1000 words)
 - Format according to your discipline

Research Proposal

▼ **Research Proposal / Statement of Study**

Your [research proposal \(thesis-based\)](#) or [statement of study \(course-based\)](#) should demonstrate evidence of solid and wide knowledge of the discipline and your ability to communicate it to a non-specialist audience.

Be aware the system will time out after 30 minutes of inactivity. **Save often.**

***Title of research proposal or statement of study (maximum 254 characters)**

***Abstract of research proposal or statement of study (maximum 250 words)**
Click to expand view

***Research proposal or statement of study (maximum 800 words)**
Click to expand view

▼ **Bibliography and Works Cited**

Follow the style generally used by your discipline. If you are uncertain which style to use, contact your supervisor or [Graduate Program Administrator](#).

Research Proposal

- Quality of your proposal
 - Specific, focused and clearly stated research questions/hypothesis
 - Methodology explained clearly
 - Significance and expected contributions to research
- Think about
 - What is new and important about your work?
 - What is the key question and how will you address it?
 - How does your work fit with institutional priorities? What does success look like?
 - What is the impact of your research findings? Who will it benefit?
 - Ex. Society? Research community? Should be beneficial whether you prove or disprove your hypothesis
 - Is the research feasible? What resources are available?



Research Proposal – student perspective

- Hook your reader early:
 - Introduction at "newspaper" level—more general
 - State importance of work quickly
 - Minimize use of jargon
- Lay abstract is important!!!
 - Do not use this as the introduction to your proposal
 - Non-scientist should understand this abstract
 - Ask for a non-scientist friend/family member/partner to read

Research Proposal – student perspective

- Summary of do's and don'ts:
- **DO:**
 - Have multiple audiences review your proposal (Eg. peers, friends, partners).
 - Make sure your supervisor reviews the proposal.
 - If possible, meet in person to discuss.
 - Make each section clear and easy to follow.
 - Should have a flow regardless of how it is divided up.
- **DON'T:**
 - Use complicated or field specific jargon (better to use simple phrasing).
 - Forget to save your work!!!

Sex and Gender in Research

- Part 4- Sex and Gender on HAF
- Student to discuss:
 - Are sex (biological) and/or gender (socio-cultural) considerations taken into account in this study?
 - Describe how sex and/or gender considerations will be considered in your research design or are not applicable (max 2000 characters)



Sex and Gender in Research

- Sex and Gender is an important section on the application
 - Think through how sex and/or gender relate to your research design
 - Differentiate between the concepts of sex and gender
 - Consider incorporating specific frameworks such as Sex and Gender-Based Analysis (SGBA) or intersectionality
- Can provide explanation here about sex and gender
 - Basic science: Sex of animals, cell lines
 - Patient oriented: sex and gender considerations
- CIHR Sex and Gender Modules & Excellent Resources here:
 - <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50836.html>
- Talk to your supervisor!!



Publications & Contributions

- Publications, presentations, performances and other contributions
 - Highlight your academic accomplishments
- **Provide as much background information as possible**
 - adjudicators outside of your discipline may not be aware of the **conferences** at which you have presented or the prominence of the **journal** in which you have been published.
- If there is not a specified format, follow the format most commonly used in your discipline.

▼ Presentations and Contributions

Publications, presentations, performances, exhibitions: Follow the style generally used by your discipline. If you are uncertain which style to use, contact your supervisor or [Graduate Program Administrator](#).

If you do not have presentations and contributions at this time, save the page to continue.

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Presentations and contributions (maximum 1000 words)

[Click to expand view](#)

Populated from 2019 entries

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 - Leadership Statement
 - Reference assessments (x2)



Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills (20%)

- As demonstrated by the applicant's communication skills, past professional and relevant extracurricular interactions and collaborations
 - Work experience
 - Leadership experience
 - Project management including organizing conferences and meetings
 - The ability or potential to communicate and present theoretical, technical and/or scientific concepts clearly and logically in written and oral formats
 - Involvement in academic life
 - Volunteerism/community outreach



Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills (20%)

- Relevant:
 - Leadership
 - Work experience
 - Project management
 - Involvement in academic life
 - Volunteering

- 800 words

▼ Leadership Experience and Interpersonal Skills

List relevant leadership and work experience, project management, involvement in academic life, and /or volunteerism.

*Leadership experience and interpersonal skills (maximum 800 words)

[Click to expand view](#)



Relevant Experience – student perspective

- Use examples from academic and personal life.
 - Academic: TA courses, your lab experience, workshops, etc.
 - Personal: community volunteering, committees, mentoring, etc.
- Don't try and stretch things too much.
 - Give solid examples, not 'fluffy' ones.
- Try to be diverse and show that you are well rounded.
 - Ex. Leading workshop, volunteering at homeless shelter, vice-chair of a committee.



Allowable Inclusions

- When appropriate, outline extraordinary circumstances that may have delayed or interrupted:
 - 1) your completion of degree(s)
 - 2) record or research achievement
 - 3) your research career
- Extraordinary circumstances include care of **family members, illness, disability or other exceptional factors.**
- **Employment** while completing your degree **is not considered extraordinary.**
- 250 words (less than one page)
- Reminder: For CSM awards other circumstances not considered in GAC can be included

Training Expectations: Harmonized Award Form

- GAC does not fully capture the diversity of student experiences
 - For example, delays in progress due to having to work are not considered in GAC
- Training Expectations section of Harmonized Award designed to remedy this
 - Modelled on Training Expectations section from CIHR Doctoral Awards
 - 800 words
- This is your chance to tell your story
 - What was your path to graduate school?
 - What challenges have you met?
 - What are your future plans?

Relevant experience and Training Expectations – student perspective

Beyond just listing them...

- What did you learn from these experiences?
 - What are your goals and how are you paving the way to that?
 - What skills did you learn that could also benefit you in research?
 - How these experiences fit within your research goals?
 - What were the setbacks and how you overcame them?
- Have referees address achievements/setbacks in a way that is positive.



References

- Fill out online form with names, email, organization
 - Select notify – they will receive an email with instructions and deadline
- Ensure referee confirms receipt of email request
 - It may end up in the junk/spam folder!
- You both will receive an email when submitted/completed
- If you recently applied to graduate school, may be able to use same references if less than 11 months old
 - First year students can opt to use admission letters
 - In future years, you can delete and change your referees

References

Haley Alleson Vecchiarelli is applying for the 2019 Graduate Award Competition at the University of Calgary and has requested that you provide a scholarship reference. The deadline to provide the reference is **9 Jan 2019**.

E.g. not universal – check the specific deadline with your program

In accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy act (FOIP), the student gives you, the referee, consent to disclose personal information required to evaluate the application for scholarship purposes.

To complete the reference for this student, please click on this link: [Online Reference Form](#)

WARNING: if you are a University of Calgary faculty member and are currently logged into PeopleSoft, you must either logout of PeopleSoft or open an new browser before completing the Online Reference Form.

[How to write a strong academic reference.](#)

Please comment on the student's ability and potential in three areas, Academic Excellence, Research Potential, Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills. See [Selection Criteria and Indicators](#) for more details.



References

Do not just ask someone for a reference. Be proactive and make it easier for your referee to write a good assessment:

- Provide the review criteria.
- Provide transcripts and a CV: highlight areas you wish to have covered in the assessment.
- Meet to discuss: what criteria do you think they should address?
- Be strategic in choosing your referees in terms of covering the criteria.



Letter of reference

- Ask early!!! Give your referees some time (2 weeks *minimum*, most references require more, a good rule is 3-4 weeks).
- It is always a good idea to use your supervisor. If you are a new student, use this as an opportunity to discuss your goals for the next few years with your supervisor.

***** Follow up – Don't be shy! *****

- Remind your referees of the deadline a week or more before the reference is due.
 - Deadline is **Jan 15, 2024.**

Questions



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Submitting your application




Before you submit...

Student Awards Application

The Program Application Deadline will display "TBD" until you select at least one award in your online application.

If your program deadline expires, you will be unable to edit or submit the application.

The definition of application status can be found [here](#)

Your existing applications					View All 	First 	1 of 1 	Last
Award Year	Name	Application Number	Status		Program Application Deadline			
2019	Graduate Award Competition	10000420	In Progress	Edit	View	7 Jan 2019		Cancel

Create New Application

To create a new application, select one of the links below:

[Graduate Award Competition](#)

New – CSM Harmonized Form Upload to GAC Application

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Your existing applications				View All	First	1-2 of 2	Last
Award Year	Name	Application Number	Status	Program Application Deadline			
2020	Graduate Award Competition	10002245	Submitted	View	20 Jun 2019	Supporting Documents	
2019	Graduate Award Competition	10001600	Cancelled		23 Jan 2019		

Create New Application

To create a new application, select one of the links below:

- [Graduate Award Competition](#)
- [Indigenous Award Competition](#)

Supporting Documents

CSM Harmonized Award Form

In order to be considered eligible for the Cumming School Of Medicine (CSM) category of awards, candidates are required to upload the CSM Harmonized Award form. The form and complete instructions on what is required can be found at <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/gse/current-students/scholarships>.

To upload your supporting document, please click the "Apply for Awards" tab to access the link on your Student Awards Application Page.

Due Date: 2023/10/26

[Upload](#)



Before you submit...

- Review your application one last time, check for spelling, grammar, formatting or factual errors
- Read the application instructions again
- Check the TO DO LIST - is it complete?
- You will increase your chance of success by following these tips and following the instructions exactly

- If you have questions: contact the
 - Graduate Award Office (FGS) at gsaward@ucalgary.ca
 - GSE: awardsgse@ucalgary.ca
 - Libin or ACHRI for their awards

Resources

- Workshop slides emailed to all registrants and posted on GSE web page
- FGS will offer an Awards Workshop and the Graduate Leaders Circle (GLC) will host Scholarship Cafes and Drop-in sessions
 - Dates and registrations can be found on FGS website
 - <https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/award-opportunities/graduate-award-competition>

GSE Scholarship and Stipend Officer

Role in GAC at the program level

- Assist GSE graduate programs with award training and communication
- Maintain GSE website with current scholarship information
- Run reports on the status of applicant's applications
- Coordinate application review between the various CSM Institutions

GSE Scholarship and Stipend Officer

Role in GAC at the student level

- Address questions regarding the application and CSM Harmonized Award form
- Upload applicant's transcripts to their application once they submit their application
- Assist with any questions regarding scholarship Terms of Reference
- Assist applicants with application submissions

Application support from FGS

The Graduate Leaders Circle (GLC) is hosting scholarship cafes, dedicated one-on-one mentoring sessions for students applying for scholarships. Drop-in and scheduled sessions are available.

- Scholarship Cafés
 - Dec 4 | 2-4 pm - [Register](#)
 - Jan 17 | 10-noon - [Register](#)
- Drop in sessions
 - Dec 11 | 10-noon - [Register](#)
 - Jan 4 | 10-11:30 am - [Register](#)
 - Jan 9 | 1-2:30 pm - [Register](#)
- Go to [FGS GAC Support](#) to register for support and view previous workshops

Contact information

- Sex and Gender Course module link
 - <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/49347.html>
- GSE Scholarship Team
 - Zack Marshall, Director for Scholarships
 - Cameron Vanderwey, Scholarship and Stipend Officer
 - awardsgse@ucalgary.ca
- Libin Cardiovascular Institute
 - Alina Kotylova, Research Officer
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- Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI)
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**Good luck on your
application!!**