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Graduate Science Education

Scholarships

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- Tara Beattie: Associate Dean, GSE
- Rebekah DeVinney: Assistant Dean, GSE
- Dallas Callaway: Scholarship and Stipend Officer
- Erin Degelman: Graduate student scholarship lead

■ Fall Semester

- Cumming School of Medicine Entrance Award (PhD, MSc)
- Tri-council (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC) doctoral
- Canada Graduate Scholarship-Masters
- Indigenous Awards
- Alberta Innovates-Heath Solutions (PhD, MSc)

■ Winter Semester

- Graduate Awards Competition (multiple awards)
- Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships
- Vanier

- Tri-Council Doctoral
 - Oct 1 Deadline
- Canadian Graduate Scholarship-Masters
 - Dec 1 Deadline
- Three granting agencies
 - CIHR: Health-related research
 - NSERC: Basic sciences that are NOT health related
 - SSHRC: Social sciences
- Open to Canadian Citizens/permanent residents
- Top tier awards-very competitive but worth applying for if criteria are met
 - Time in program
 - First class marks (>3.5) in last two years
- CIHR also offers travel awards for presentations at conferences

- Supports world-class doctoral students. Top tier award
 - Academic excellence
 - Research potential
 - Leadership
- Students submit a Preliminary Assessment Form to FGS
 - Selected students receive application support through FGS

- Indigenous Graduate Award (IGA)
 - Open to Alberta residents who are Status or Non-status Indian/First Nations, Metis or Inuit
 - Doctoral and masters awards
 - Oct 16 deadline for 2018 competition
 - Workshop for these awards on Sept 19, 9:30-10:30
 - Earth Sciences 1010C (FGS office)

- **Doctoral awards**
 - Izaak Walton Killam
 - Open Doctoral
 - First class average (3.5 GPA in last 2 years)
 - Citizenship unrestricted
- **Special awards and bursaries**
 - Donor funded to support a particular area of interest
 - Students must demonstrate financial need for bursaries
- **Deadlines in early winter**
 - Program-specific internal deadlines

- Graduate Student Scholarships
 - Thesis based research related to Information and Communication Technologies, nanotechnology, or Omics
 - Doesn't support medical or health related research
 - Doctoral and Masters awards
 - Early Feb deadlines (application same as GAC awards)
- Health
 - Doctoral and Masters awards
 - Supports health-related research
 - Deadlines in early Fall

- Provincial award. Restricted to Canadian citizens/permanent residents
- Doctoral and Masters awards
- Award values vary
 - Up to \$10,800 for MSc
 - Up to \$15,000 for PhD
- Program nominated awards (GAC awards application)
- Applicants to Tri-council competitions automatically considered
 - Top applicants not funded

- Eligible for GAC and Alberta Innovates, Vanier awards
- Many program and special awards unrestricted
- Country-specific awards
 - Science without Borders (Brazil, entrance award)
 - China Scholarship Council
- International student travel awards
 - Presentations at international and national competitions
- More information here:
https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/international_students

- Program Specific Awards
 - Vary by program
 - Travel, thesis, publication and entrance awards
 - Talk to your Graduate Program Administrator or Program Director for more information
- MITACS Accelerate
 - Industry partnership funding for students
 - U of C site information:
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/research/researchers/apply-grants/grants-external/mitacs>
 - MITACS Accelerate site:
<https://www.mitacs.ca/en/programs/accelerate>

- Dallas Callaway, MA
 - Office: HSC G349A (8:30am-4:30pm M-F)
 - Email(s): dacallaw@ucalgary.ca; awardsgse@ucalgary.ca; gseproj@ucalgary.ca
 - Phone: 403-210-6687
- Scholarship Support
 - Advertise major scholarship and award programs to CSM graduate students and supervisors
 - Administer a subset of GSE scholarship programs
 - Assist CSM graduate students locate and apply for international, national, provincial, regional, and institutional scholarships and awards (e.g., interpret and navigate application guidelines and processes; collect Associate Dean, GSE signature)
 - Develop and coordinate the GSE Scholarship Internal Peer Review (IPR) service
 - Develop and maintain the *GSE Scholarships and Awards IPR and Support Hub*
- Stipend Support
 - Set up, revise, terminate all CSM graduate student stipend payments

GSE-Administered Scholarships and Awards

- **Cumming School of Medicine Graduate Scholarship**
 - Deadline: October 1
 - Value: \$30,000/annum for two (MSc) or four (PhD) years
 - \$20K (CSM) and \$10K (supervisor match)
 - Eligibility: 1st year or 1st semester 2nd year only, used as top-up if hold other external funding, international students eligible
- **Achievers in Medical Science Awards**
 - AIMS Doctoral: Concurrent and commensurate with CSM Graduate Scholarship
 - AIMS Leaders in Medicine: TBD
- **Eleanor Mackie Doctoral Scholarship in Women's Health**
 - Deadline: November 15
 - Value: \$28,000 for one year
 - Eligibility: F/T doctoral student, research in immunology/microbiology which pertains to women's health, may not hold with other external funding, international students eligible
- **Kertland Family Doctoral Scholarship in Vascular Biology**
 - Deadline: November 15/May 15
 - Value: \$25,000/annum for two years
 - \$12.5K (Kertland) and \$12.5K (supervisor matching)
 - Eligibility: F/T doctoral student, supervised by full/associate LCIA member, within first 24-months of PhD start, research in basic vascular biology, may not hold with other external funding, international students eligible
- **William H. Davies Medical Research Scholarship**
 - Deadline: November 15
 - Value: \$3,000-\$11,000 for one year depending on qualifications/experience/program
 - Eligibility: F/T MSc or PhD student; international students eligible

Graduate
Awards
database



■ FGS Graduate Awards Database

- Searchable (e.g., award name, category, keyword, degree type, citizenship, registration status) repository for major funding programs to which University of Calgary graduate students may apply

■ COS Pivot



- Searchable database enabling anyone with UC login credentials to access the most comprehensive global source of funding
- Ideal for locating smaller, niche scholarships and awards
- Save searches, have search results auto-emailed to you at regular intervals, tracking funding opportunities and application details

- General
 - If award is listed in Graduate Awards Database, follow indicated application guidelines
- External Awards
 - If unlisted in Graduate Awards Database, follow sponsor application guidelines
- Awards requiring Associate Dean, GSE signature
 - Email application package to awardsgse@ucalgary.ca or drop-off hardcopy at HSC G349A drop box (n.b., specify sponsor deadline/time, instructions for return of fully-executed forms)
 - *****GSE maintains a 4 business day internal deadline in advance of the sponsor submission deadline*****
- GSE-administered Scholarships and Awards
 - Complete application form including all requested attachments (e.g., CV)
 - Email application as single PDF to awardsgse@ucalgary.ca by indicated deadline
 - Confidential reference letters may be emailed to awardsgse@ucalgary.ca by the indicated deadline
 - Program terms of reference, FAQs, application forms, and application checklists will be posted to the [GSE Scholarship and Financial Support webpage](#)

- Decide what you are applying for
 - Read the terms of reference to confirm eligibility
 - Deadlines: are there internal deadlines along with the agency deadline
- Start early
 - Find out what you need to complete your application
 - Research proposal, CV, personal statement
- Transcripts
 - Include transcripts from all postsecondary institutions attended, even if no marks assigned
 - Make sure to request them early enough

The Application: Writing your proposal

- You need to capture a reviewer's attention and leave them with an understanding of your work
 - What is new and important about your research?
 - What is the key question your work addresses and how will you answer it?
 - How does your work fit with institutional/agency funding priorities
 - What does success look like for your proposed work
- Write clearly, your application will likely be reviewed by individuals outside of your discipline

- Papers, published abstracts, presentations, reports ...
- Provide as much background material as possible
 - Your contribution to the work
 - Significance of work
 - Prominence of journal or conference
 - Prestige of awards

- Choose your referees wisely. They should know you well enough to write a positive, detailed letter
- Ask early, give your referees time to write the letter
- Give them details
 - About the award: scoring criteria, terms of reference, deadlines
 - Your research proposal and goals
 - Presentations and publications
 - Academic and other accomplishments
- Your referees can strengthen your application by providing corroborating support for your accomplishments and helping mitigate weaknesses
- Remember to thank your referees!

- Follow the instructions to the letter!
 - Page limits
 - Margins, fonts, spacing
- Triple check your application
 - Spelling, grammar, formatting
 - Factual Errors
- Have it reviewed internally
 - Supervisor or someone close to your project
 - “Arms-length”, non-expert in your field

- Take advantage of resources available to help you write the best application
- FGS
 - Workshops:
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/mygradskills/workshops>
 - Scholarship café
 - <https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards>

- Apply for everything!
 - GPA, publications is not the only aspect of the application
 - Applies pressure to formulate your research proposal in concise terms
 - Don't wait until you think you are the most competitive to submit your first application
- Use all available resources
 - Supervisor, postdoc, peers
 - Workshops, seminar
 - GSE Support at Doctoral Level – Peer mentoring, internal peer review
- GSE Scholarship Survey

- Scholarship and Stipend Officer
(awardsgse@ucalgary.ca)
 - Interpretation of eligibility criteria and application components
 - Assistance and trouble-shooting with application forms and documents as well as Canadian Common CV

- Student Support Lead – Erin Degelman
 - emstebne@ucalgary.ca

- Workshop on Sept 6, 2-4 pm, Theatre 3
 - Internal peer review by postdocs
 - Peer Mentoring Small Groups
 - Sample applications on Desire 2 Learn (D2L) site
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- If you are direct entry to PhD and did not receive an email about this, contact me at rdevinne@ucalgary.ca