



William H. Davies Medical Research Scholarship Application

Frequently Asked Questions

November 15, 2019 Competition

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. What are the eligibility requirements to apply for this scholarship?

- Open to students registered full-time in a graduate program in the Cumming School of Medicine
- Applicants cannot hold more than \$3,000 in award funding (includes monetary awards, scholarships, studentships etc.) for Fall 2019-Winter 2020 academic terms.
- Successful candidates must contact their research program within the Cumming School of Medicine; others cannot be considered.
- Awards are made solely on the basis of academic excellence (e.g. GPA, awards and prizes, publications, and research)
- Applicants must have a GPA equal to or higher than 3.3 or B+ over the graduate courses taken to date
- For this scholarship's Terms of Reference, please visit <https://iac01.ucalgary.ca/FGSA/Public/SpecificAward.aspx?AwardID=3843>

2. What does "Applicants cannot hold more than \$3,000 in award funding for the Fall 2019 – Winter 2020" mean?

For the Fall 2019 – Winter 2020 academic terms, if you are holding/receiving **more than** \$3,000 in award funding (includes any monetary awards, scholarships like AIMS/CIHR/etc., and studentships like ACHRI, AI Graduate Studentship, etc.), you are ineligible to apply for this scholarship competition.

If you have applied to other funding opportunities and do not know the results (whether you will be receiving funding worth more than \$3,000 for the Fall 2019 – Winter 2020 terms), you can apply. If you are nominated for this scholarship, the Graduate Scholarship Office will determine whether you are eligible to accept it.

3. I am applying to begin my studies in a Graduate Science Education program in Fall 2019. Can I apply for this scholarship?

Yes, you may apply, as long as you have taken graduate-level courses and the Grade Point Average (GPA) is equal to or higher than 3.3 (or B+) over the graduate courses taken to date.

For graduate-level courses taken outside of the University of Calgary, please make sure the following is submitted:

- the course outlines for the graduate-level courses taken
- ensure that the official transcript(s) containing the final grades of these courses have already been submitted to your Graduate Program Administrator during admissions (we will pull these transcripts from our records)

- ensure that the grade point average (GPA) breakdown (i.e. what each letter grade translates to in grade point average) was included in the official transcript(s) already submitted

Even if you have taken just one graduate-level course, you may apply as long as the GPA is met.

If you have only taken undergraduate courses thus far and/or only took pass/fail courses, you cannot apply for this scholarship yet. However, you may for the November 2020 competition provided all other eligibility requirements are met.

B. The Application

1. Can I submit parts (sections) of my application throughout the application's open?

No. To avoid any issues or confusion, the application must be complete and submitted as a single file to awardsgse@ucalgary.ca by 4:30pm MST of November 15, 2019.

2. Do I need to sign my name on the application?

Yes or you can type your name. Your signature or typed name binds you to the declarations of the application and the terms and conditions of this scholarship.

3. Are reference letters required for this application?

No, they are not required.

4. Aside from the U of C transcript, do I need to include my other postsecondary institution transcripts?

No. Please list your current and completed degree programs in the scholarship application form. Once the November 15, 2019 deadline passes, a copy of the official transcripts submitted in your admissions application will be retrieved and included in your scholarship application.

If you have yet to submit official transcripts from other postsecondary institutions for admissions to your Graduate Program Administrator, please email awardsgse@ucalgary.ca.

5. Do I need to create a new research project to apply for this scholarship?

No. The research project is the one you are currently completing for your Master's or PhD thesis. Please ensure you indicate all relevant information about the project according to the application sections.

C. Other Questions

1. How do I submit my application?

Via email as an attachment to awardsgse@ucalgary.ca by 4:30pm MST of November 15, 2019.

2. I completed another version of this scholarship's application (e.g. the November 15, 2018 application). Can I submit this or reuse it for the 2019 competition?

No. As there are changes to the application, eligibility requirements, etc. from one competition to the next, the application that corresponds with the competition available must be completed. For example, only the November 15, 2019 application can be accepted for the November 15, 2019 competition.

3. What will make me ineligible right away?

Not meeting the eligibility requirements, submission of an incomplete application, and failure to comply with the application instructions.

4. If I am nominated for this award, who are the research programs I need to contact?

Please contact and inform the affiliated programs of your research/studies (for example, if you are affiliated with the Hotchkiss Brain Institute, please make sure you inform them of your award nomination).

5. What is the review criteria for this application?

Academic excellence. Items that will be considered by adjudicators include the GPA, awards and prizes, publications, and research.

6. When will I be notified that I have been nominated for the award? When will I receive the award?

Nominees for the scholarship will be notified in mid-January 2020. As the award is worth \$5,000 per nominee, it will be paid out in equal installments from January to April 2020. For more information, please read this: <http://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/regulations-policies-and-guides/funding-information#when>

**If you have any other questions or concerns, please ask early and email awardsgse@ucalgary.ca
All the best in this competition!**