AFNS Doctoral Entrance Awards


General Guidelines: Each award recipient must be newly admitted into a PhD Graduate Program and have an admission GPA of 3.5 or higher.

NOTE: FGSR has final approval for all nominations submitted by AFNS.

The Graduate Program Committee will allocate the funds as follows:

1) **AFNS PhD Entrance Scholarship**: Up to two scholarships at a value $25,000 each will be awarded to outstanding new PhD students. The scholarship is open to either Canadian or international students admitted into the AFNS graduate program. The award is for the first year of the PhD program with tenure to begin on 1 September. The scholarship is not available to students holding major awards (value equal to or greater than $13,000 per annum). **Adjudication Process**: Nomination for an award is submitted to GPC on or before May 1 of each year by the student’s supervisor. The nomination letter should address: the student’s academic achievements, and fit with the current research program and related opportunities while in the graduate program. The GPC will evaluate the applications and forward the successful nominee(s) to FGSR. Notification of the GPC recommendation will be available by end of June each year.

**TOTAL = $50,000** (Award Distribution: $10,000 Sept; $10,000 Jan; $5,000 May)

2) **AFNS International PhD Entrance Scholarship**: Up to two scholarships at a value of $15,000 each will be awarded to outstanding new PhD students. The scholarships are open only to international students and balances the QE II scholarships which are open only to Canadian students. The award is for the first year of the student’s PhD program with tenure to begin on 1 September. The scholarship is not available to students holding major awards (value equal to or greater than $13,000 per annum). **Adjudication Process**: Nomination for an award is submitted to GPC on or before May 1 of each year by the student’s supervisor. The nomination letter should address: the student’s academic achievements, and fit with the current research program and related opportunities while in the graduate program. The GPC will evaluate the applications and forward the successful nominee(s) to FGSR. Notification of the GPC recommendation will be available by end of June each year.

**TOTAL = $30,000** (Award Distribution: $10,000 Sept; $5,000 Jan)

3) **AFNS PhD Scholarship**: Up to five scholarships at a value of $5,000 each will be awarded to outstanding new PhD students. The scholarship is open to both Canadian and international students, and applies only to the first year of the PhD program (including transfer students). The scholarship is not available to students holding other doctoral scholarships. **Adjudication Process**: Nomination for an award is submitted to GPC on or before May 1 of each year by the student’s supervisor. The nomination letter should address: the student’s academic achievements, and fit with the current research program and related opportunities while in the graduate program. The GPC will evaluate the applications and forward the successful nominees to FGSR. Notification of the GPC recommendation will be available by end of June each year.

**TOTAL = $25,000** (Award Distribution: $5,000 Sept)