UA Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship Details

FGSR is pleased to announce details about the 2018 University of Alberta Doctoral Recruitment Scholarships. Please read the details below carefully.

A. Overview

1. UA Doctoral Recruitment Scholarships are valued at $5,000 each. Allocations have been made to individual departments based on an equal weighting of “applicants admitted and registered” and “convocation headcount” as reported in the Acorn database (based on a rolling five-year window) with a minimum allocation for new programs or those with very small doctoral intakes.

2. Departments are responsible for the effective deployment of the funding. Putting recruitment funds into departments’ hands provides maximum flexibility in terms of timing, ease and speed of the process, amounts offered, length of award, and combination with the unit’s other resources to create attractive recruitment packages. A unit may use its allocation of awards to make small ($5k or $10k) top-up offers to several recruits, or to create a few large (e.g. $20k) awards.

3. As long as a unit stays within its annual allocations, it may create multi-year awards for individual students. Multi-year awards are encouraged, but because funding is expected to remain stable (i.e., flat), multi-year awards will reduce your ability to recruit new students again next year.

4. FGSR requires details about the students receiving recruitment awards. Please see instructions below.

5. If departments need additional units for excellent students, they are required to make a case directly to the FGSR Dean. A few of the allocations were held back to help departments with low allocations.

6. Please note that the Allocation table represent the total number of units available and doesn’t account for any units that might have been committed for multi-year awards last year.

B. Eligibility

1. All doctoral recruits are eligible, including those transferring from a Master’s degree, provided they have an admission GPA of at least 3.5. The Dean of FGSR will consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis, but the purpose of this funding is to recruit top students.

2. In the case of multi-year offers, renewal after the first year depends on the student maintaining first-class standing.

3. These awards can be held in conjunction with all other sources of funding regardless of the amount. In particular, they can be used as part of an offer to an applicant who already holds a Tri-Council scholarship. However, departments are reminded that the holders of such scholarships are already eligible to receive a top-up from the University in the form of the President's Doctoral Prize of Distinction.
2018 Nomination Process Details

**Deadlines**

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**Nomination Process**

Please submit Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship Nomination via email to grad.awards@ualberta.ca in PDF format. Use the subject line “UADRS Nomination Form – Department Name” (for example: UADRS Nomination Form – Anthropology).

Nominations can be submitted on an ongoing basis, but have to be made prior to an applicable deadline (see table above). Students who have already started their program are not eligible to be nominated. No nomination will be considered unless the department has officially made the decision to admit the student into the doctoral program.

**Changes to Nominations**

All changes to the nominations must be made prior to the same deadline. FGSR strongly encourages departments to limit the number of revisions to the nomination forms as much as possible to allow efficient processing and avoid confusion.

**Multi-year Offers**

The funding is as secure as it is possible for university funding to be, so departments may make multi-year offers up to a maximum of 3 years. For multi-year offers, departments need to indicate the number of units allocated for each year (1 unit = $5,000). There is no limit on the number of units that can be allocated to one student as long as the overall annual commitment doesn’t exceed the annual allocation.

Please Note: Multi-year offers must be made at the time of the original offer as part of the original funding.

Information about eligibility requirements, a nomination form, and allocation table can be found on the FGSR website under [Awards and Funding and Recruitment Scholarship Competitions](#).