The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) has recently received confirmation of funding for the 2018 Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) Scholarships from the Government of Alberta, and we are pleased to announce details of this competition. Please note this year, we have experienced a small decrease in overall funding compared to last year; the Departmental allocations for the QEII Graduate Scholarships at both the master’s and doctoral levels are available on our website under 2018 Departmental Allocation Table.

A total of 237 QEII-Masters and 131 QEII-Doctoral will be allocated to departments in multiples of 0.5. A scholarship unit of 0.5 indicates a one-term award starting either in Fall term (September 2018) or in Winter term (January 2019), and a unit of 1.0 indicates a two-term award for both Fall and Winter terms (September 2018 – April 2019). Students may receive an award of either 0.5 or 1.0, according to each Department’s allotment.

The QEII allocations are determined on the basis of three weighted factors, each being proportional to the average of the corresponding data for the years 2015-2016; 2016-2017; 2017-2018. The factors are: the number of QEII Scholarships held by the department, number of full-time Canadian and Permanent Resident students enrolled at the Department during the Fall of 2017, and the number of new recipients of eligible Tri-Council and Killam awards. The weights are 30%, 10%, and 60%, respectively.

Eligibility
A QEII held in both the Fall and Winter terms (September – April) has a value of $10,800 (master’s) or $15,000 (doctoral). A QEII held in one term only either Fall (September – December) or Winter (January - April) will have half the value of $5,400 (master’s) or $7,500 (doctoral).

- A Grade Point Average of 3.5 or greater over the most recent 15 units of course weight
- Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident
- Full-time registration during tenure of the scholarship
- Registered in years 1-4 of the master’s program during the tenure of a QEII-M or registered in years 1-6 of the doctoral program during the tenure of a QEII-D scholarship
- Qualifying students, students on academic probation, or students registered in cost-recovery programs are not eligible. For a complete list of cost-recovery programs, please refer to Cost Recovery Programs and Courses 2018-2019

Application and Department Nomination Process
Departments determine the best way to select their QEII nominees. There is an application form posted on the FGSR website should you wish to use that for your own internal adjudication. Departments are encouraged to set an earlier, internal departmental deadline to allow time for internal adjudication (if applicable). Departments may
include a ranked list of alternate nominations beyond their regular allocation for cases where a primary nominee is unable to take up their award (ex. declines admission, declines funding offer for other reasons, etc.). In these cases, the primary nominee and Department must notify FGSR of the decline. In the event there is unspent QEII allocations, FGSR will hold a separate adjudicated competition; details will be announced at a later date, where applicable. (Note: should FGSR hold a competitive adjudicated process at a later date, FGSR’s QEII Application form, transcript, and one letter of reference will be required).

**Deadlines:**

Fall (one-term) and Fall/Winter (two-term) nominations: Nominations are due at FGSR by 4:00 pm on **Tuesday, October 2, 2018**.

Winter (one-term) nominations: Nominations are due at FGSR by 4:00 pm on **Monday, December 3, 2018**.

The nomination package, based on Departmental Allocations, must consist of:

- QEII Nomination form (also available in FGSR’s Forms cabinet)
- Unofficial UofA transcript (briefly indicating the GPA calculation): for continuing students or newly admitted students who are recent graduates of the UofA. For newly admitted students whose institution is other than the UofA, a copy of their most recent transcripts. Please include previously attended institutional transcripts which contain grades up to Summer 2018 term, if applicable. To avoid delays in processing, we ask Departments to ensure that transcripts provided have no missing grades.
- FGSR Ranking form for Alternate(s); include QEII Nomination form and transcript for each alternate. Please mark/specify on top of the nomination form ALTERNATE NOMINEE
- Nomination packages must be emailed to grad.awards@ualberta.ca (in one email) with the subject heading: QEII Scholarship Nomination(s). Each nomination package must be an individual pdf per student included in one email; please do not send an email per student, or combine multiple nominations into one pdf for one Department’s entire allotment. Nominations received as a hard copy or via GSMS WILL NOT be accepted.

FGSR is happy to receive nominations prior to the stipulated deadline and will endeavour to process such asap. Upon receipt of the nominations from Departments, the FGSR will verify departmental allocations and the eligibility of the nominee, formally approve the nomination, issue the letter of offer to the student, and arrange for payment of the award in the term(s) for which the student has been nominated.

**Payments and Program Changes**

Information regarding payments of QEII Scholarships can be found in Section 14.6 of the Scholarships and Awards Manual. Please remember that due to timing of confirmation of funding for the QE II scholarships, payments for the Fall will not occur in September although FGSR will endeavour to process nominations as quickly as possible.

The scholarships are subject to the regulations outlined in the Scholarships and Awards Manual. A student offered a QEII-M who subsequently has a change of category to a doctoral program will no longer be eligible to hold the master’s level QEII and the scholarship will be terminated. A student offered a QEII-D who has a change of category to a master’s program will no longer be eligible to hold the doctoral level QEII and the scholarship will be terminated.

Sincerely,

FGSR Awards Services