The Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship recognizes outstanding academic achievement of students pursuing graduate studies in Alberta. It was established to incent the best and the brightest students, including international students, to study in Alberta.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) has recently received confirmation of funding for the 2019-2020 Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarships (AGES) from the Government of Alberta, and we are pleased to announce details of this competition.

Allocations:

Departments will receive an allocation of AGES units; nominations for these units must be made to the FGSR. Included in the allocation table is the maximum number of international nominations that will be accepted by FGSR. Departments may use their allocations to nominate either Masters or PhD students as the award value is the same. Note: Departments are free to nominate international students up to the prescribed limits within the table, but, nomination of such is not mandatory. Our contract mandates how many awards may be offered to international students; therefore, we cannot exceed the limits outlined in the allocation table.

Note: Allocations cannot be split; one allocation is equivalent to one $12,000 scholarship. A student may only receive one Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship per year; these scholarships are NOT renewable.

Amount: $12,000

Payment format:

Paid to students in one lump sum

Alternates:

Departments may be given a quota of alternates that they are able to submit. These alternates will only be considered if there are additional funds available in late February. Please refer to the allocation table to determine whether your department is eligible to submit alternates.
**Indigenous Students:**

Indigenous students are encouraged to apply directly to FGSR for the Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship. Please see the FGSR website for more information on the indigenous portion of the AGES competition.

**Formula used to Determine Allocation:**

The AGES allocations are determined on the basis of three weighted factors, each being proportional to the average of the corresponding data for the years 2016-2017; 2017-2018; 2018-2019. The factors are: the number of QEII Scholarships previously held by the department, number of full-time students enrolled at the Department, and the number of new recipients of eligible Tri-Council and Killam awards. The weights are 30%, 10%, and 60%, respectively. International quotas were determined based on the proportion of international students enrolled in each Department. *All departments received at least one AGES allocation, and a quota of at least 1 allocation for which an international student could be nominated.*

**Eligibility**

- Must be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada, or an International student
- Must be living in Alberta (Student must have a current Alberta mailing address in Campus Solution)
- A Grade Point Average of 3.5 or greater over the most recent 15 units of course weight. Please see the GPA calculation process available on EClass.
- Current students must be registered full-time in Fall 2019 and Winter 2020 terms. January 2020 new admit students must be registered full-time in Winter 2020 term.
- Registered in years 1-4 of the master’s program or registered in years 1-6 of the doctoral program at the time of being offered the scholarship.
- Students registered in a graduate certificate that can ladder into a Master’s degree program are also eligible.
- 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 2019-20

**Department Nomination Process**

Nominations must be received via the GSMS Awards portal on or before **Thursday, January 16th, 2020.** 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 (once student has accepted offer).

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

- Completed AGES student declaration form
- Up-to-date Unofficial UofA transcript
**Department Alternate Process**

The number of alternates that a department can submit is indicated in the allocation table. Alternates must be submitted via GSMS Awards Portal no later than **January 16, 2020**. Should additional AGES allocations be available, the FGSR will hold an adjudication in Winter term with the alternate candidates submitted by departments.

**A completed alternate package includes the following:**

- Completed [AGES student declaration form](#)
- Up-to-date Unofficial UofA transcript.
- Research Proposal (maximum 1 page)
- CV
- Departmental letter of appraisal (maximum 1 page)

Sincerely,

FGSR Awards Services