The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) is pleased to announce details about the 2019 Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships (AI GSS) competition, now available on FGSR’s website. Thank you for your patience as FGSR awaited the formal announcement from Alberta Innovates agency. For complete details, Departments and students are to read through the Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships Program Guidelines and Handbook, available on Alberta Innovates website, and FGSR’s website. Note the 2019 Handbook is forthcoming from the agency, so please refer to the current 2018 available online for guidelines.

**Award Value**

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**Start Dates**

Recipients may choose to commence the AI GSS on May 1, 2019, September 1, 2019, or January 1, 2020.

**Eligibility & GPA Calculations**

Information regarding eligibility criteria can be found on FGSR’s website. A minimum of 3.5 GPA is an eligibility requirement for all applicants. The GPA will be calculated based on the current graduate program graded course work at the University of Alberta, or, if a student is newly admitted, the AGPA will be used to determine eligibility. Graduate Program Administrators may access GPA Guidelines – Awards.pdf in eClass for GPA calculation methods.

**Application and Department Nomination Process**

Departments are to nominate via the GSMS Award portal by **Friday, February 14**, therefore departments may choose to set an earlier internal deadline. Departments are requested to submit applications up to a pre-determined quota. The quota is no more than one-half of the total number of applications received in each category (Master’s, Doctoral) or a total of 25 nominations, whichever is less (combined Masters/Doctoral). If a department receives five or fewer applications in a given category, they may forward all applications.

1) Students must submit the following documents to their Department for internal adjudication. Applications and accompanying documents sent directly to the FGSR by the applicant will not be considered:

- Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship Application form
- Two Letters of Reference. The Letter of Reference to Support Application for Graduate Awards Form must be completed and signed by each applicant's referee. Confidential letters of reference may accompany the standard letter of reference form, but may not replace such. Departments are asked to ensure the letters of reference are in sealed envelopes if submitted by the applicant, or sent directly to the department if submitted by the referee.

- Up-to date unofficial U of A transcript (may be printed from BearTracks)

- Copies of transcripts from all other post-secondary institutions attended

2) Departments are to submit the following to FGSR by February 14:

   - Upload the students’ documents noted above to the GSMS Awards Portal. Incomplete applications submitted (including those lacking any of the required signatures or without the applicants’ UofA ID#) will not be considered. FGSR will not follow up regarding applications that are incomplete.

We wish all students and departments success in the upcoming competition!

Sincerely,

Award Services