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Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020

To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators

From: Awards Services, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Re: **2020 Master's Entrance Scholarship**

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**REVISED MEMO: This memo replaces the instructions and deadline from the original document dated Tuesday, March 3, 2020.**

The Faculty of Graduate Studies & Research is pleased to announce the 2020 Master's Entrance Scholarship competition. This competition replaces the Master's Recruitment Scholarship.

**Eligibility**

- The following admission terms are eligible: January 2020, May 2020, July 2020, and September 2020
- Must be a newly admitted student in one of the above terms in a master's program (cost-recovery programs not eligible)
- Open to domestic and international students
- Open to course-based or thesis students
- Must have an Admission GPA of 3.7 or higher
- Must be full-time registered during the tenure of the award

**Value and Funding**

Stipend: \$17500

Note: Domestic students will receive an additional \$5800, international students will receive an additional \$10000 to help cover fees.

January 2020 admitted students will receive payments starting May 2020. All other admit terms will receive their payments starting in their admit term.

**Application Process**

Departments must submit their nominations to FGSR via the GSMS Awards Portal.

There are certain cases in which the student may not show up in the GSMS Awards Portal to nominate. If the student is not appearing in your portal, please do the following:

1. Combine the Application Requirements (see below) into a single PDF in the order listed.
2. Label the PDF as follows: STUDENT ID\_LAST NAME, FIRST NAME\_MES
3. Email the above PDF to [grad.awards@ualberta.ca](mailto:grad.awards@ualberta.ca) to Emma's attention using the subject line:  
DEPARTMENT NAME – MES

**Nomination Quota:**

Departments with over 100 current students may submit a maximum of 2 nominations for course-based students, and 2 nominations for thesis-based students, for a combined total of 4 nominations.

Departments with less than 100 current students may submit a maximum of 1 nomination for course-based students, and 1 nomination for thesis-based students, for a combined total of 2 nominations.

Departments who deem that they have an additional student who is an exceptional nominee may contact FGSR with written explanation as to why this nominee is also deserving of a nomination above and beyond the quota. FGSR will review the request and make a decision regarding departments submitting above the quota.

**Deadline: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 by 4:00 PM**

**NOTE:** There are no longer multiple rounds for this competition.

### **Application Requirements**

Each document below is mandatory and must be submitted as separate uploads in the GSMS system.

1. **Department Nomination Letter** (1 page pdf on letterhead)
2. **Student's CV** (1 pdf)
3. **Two (2) Letters of Reference** (2 pdfs)  
Each letter of reference must be uploaded separately. Departments are welcome to use the letters of reference from the student's admission application. FGSR Award Services will no longer be pulling these letters from the system.
4. **All Post-Secondary Transcripts** (1-2 pdfs)  
Upload as one (1) pdf. Transcripts must be organized from most recent to least recent. If the file size is too large to upload, departments can split the transcripts into two (2) pdfs.

**We wish all departments the best of luck in this competition!**