UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES & RESEARCH

Your guide to graduate education

Students at the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) are vital to the University of Alberta and, together with faculties and departments, are furthering graduate studies and research in more than 500 programs.

7,300 GRADUATE STUDENTS
34% ARE INTERNATIONAL

AMONG THE TOP 100 research universities in the world

CLOSE TO 400 TEACHING AND RESEARCH AGREEMENTS IN 50+ COUNTRIES

ACCESS TO 150+ PAID GRADUATE STUDENT academic and non-academic internship opportunities each year. Supported by a Government of Alberta Grant.

2,000 graduate students receive scholarship funding of $26.4 MILLION per year

FLEXIBLE, INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO PROGRAMS

5th LARGEST RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN CANADA

More than $508 million in annual research funding, ranking among the top 5 Canadian universities in sponsored research funding

TOP 5 Canadian Universities in annual total research funding from CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC

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Member of the WORLDWIDE UNIVERSITY NETWORK, a group of 18 leading research universities established to facilitate international research and teaching collaboration

Supporting Your Graduate Experience

As a student, you directly participate in one of 73 departments or non-departmentalized faculties; however, the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research is your home faculty.

FGSR supports every aspect of your UAlberta graduate student experience: admission, funding, scholarships, academic records, program changes, theses, teaching preparation, professional development and much more. We are here for you every step of your graduate career – from admission through convocation.

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CONSIDERING A GRADUATE DEGREE?

If you’re thinking about applying to a graduate program, your specific department or faculty is the best source for guidance on admission requirements, securing a supervisor, program details and registration information.

ADMISSION & REGISTRATION

When you’re ready to apply, you get started through FGSR’s online application portal. Departments and Admissions Advisors at FGSR check your qualifications, validate your information and get an offer of admission to you – provided you meet all program requirements and submit your documents before the stated deadlines. Students then register for classes online at Bear Tracks.

GRAD TOOLS

Refer to the Academic Calendar, Graduate Program Manual, and the FGSR website for helpful resources while at University of Alberta.

Awards & Funding

All award competitions are adjudicated by the Graduate Scholarship Committee. FGSR administers $26.4 million in scholarships annually. Awards Advisors help you:

» UNCOVER FUNDING – explore FGSR, department-specific and external awards listings;

» SHARE YOUR WORK – apply for travel awards to attend research conferences and present to peers;

» SUBMIT A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION – attend workshops with tips on applying for CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC awards.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Invest in your future with the University of Alberta Professional Development Requirement. It’s an exciting initiative to help you recognize your talents, pursue your interests, learn professional skills, and make the connections that will help you excel in your chosen field.

REQUIREMENTS TO GRADUATE

Professional Development

» Create an individualized career plan and participate in eight hours of professional development activities inspired by your plan.

Ethics

» Complete eight hours of ethics and academic integrity training.

FGSR partners with various organizations and offers many opportunities to help you fulfill the requirements, build your portfolio, and hone your skills:

EVENTS

» Attend a professional development conference, workshop or economic outlook presentation. Or challenge your communication skills with the Three Minute Thesis competition.
FGSR Services at a Glance:

- Admissions
- Awards and Funding
- Candidacy Exams
- Convocation
- Degree Program Changes
- Ethics Training
- Final Oral Exams
- Graduate Program Manual
- Graduate Teaching & Learning Programs
- Graduate Student Internship Program
- Individual Development Plan (IDP) Training
- Leaves of Absence
- Professional Development Resources
- Program Extensions
- Quality Assurance
- Supervision and Program Progress
- Thesis Submissions
- Tuition and Fees

PROGRAM SERVICES & SUPERVISION

FGSR wants to ensure you have a high quality graduate experience. While your department is your first resource, for any issues that you cannot solve with your supervisor and graduate coordinator, one of FGSR’s Graduate Student Services Advisors, along with Associate Deans, can provide counsel on a way forward.

THESES & EXAMS

For students in thesis-based programs, the thesis and final exam are the culmination of your research efforts. Your thesis is shared with the U of A Library and Library and Archives Canada, adding to the nation’s body of knowledge. FGSR provides guidelines for formatting, layouts, file types and deadlines.

CONVOCATION

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STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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ualberta.ca/registrar/calendar

Graduate Program Manual:
ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/about/graduate-program-manual

Graduate Students' Association:
gsa.ualberta.ca

Dean of Students:
deanofstudents.ualberta.ca

Graduate Student Assistance Program:
homewoodhumansolutions.com

University Wellness Services:
ualberta.ca/uwell

Counseling & Clinical Services:
ualberta.ca/mentalhealth

International Student Services:
ualberta.ca/international

Ombud Service:
ualberta.ca/ombudserv

Professional Development Resources:
ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/professional-development

U of A Career Centre:
ualberta.ca/caps

Graduate Student Internship Program:
uab.ca/gsip

Student Success Centre Workshops:
ualberta.ca/studentsuccess

Centre for Teaching and Learning:
ualberta.ca/ctl

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