UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES & RESEARCH

FGSR
Award Services
Who is FGSR?

- Home Faculty and advocate of graduate students, supporting every aspect of UAlberta graduate student experience
- Provide support, training and services to graduate staff
- Guide governance and policies relating to graduate students and programs
- Set quality standards across graduate departments
- Assist in resolving student issues if they cannot be resolved at the Faculty/Department level
Fast Facts about FGSR

7600 GRAD STUDENTS

34% ARE INTERNATIONAL

367 Master’s programs
172 Doctoral programs
300+ Research areas
250 Official specializations

FLEXIBLE, INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO PROGRAMS

Awards $28 million in scholarship funding per year

CLOSE TO 400 TEACHING AND RESEARCH AGREEMENTS IN 50+ COUNTRIES

UofA HOLDS 3 PRESTIGIOUS CANADA RESEARCH EXCELLENCE CHAIRS ~the most at any university~

*2015-16 Statistics

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How we help students…

Important Grad Tools
- Academic Calendar
- Graduate Program Manual
- Website
FGSR Award Services

• Every year FGSR administers close to 700 awards funded by various sources (federal and provincial governments, University, private donors, other funding agencies).

• In 2015-2016 FGSR disbursed $28 million in scholarships to approximately 2,000 graduate students.
FGSR-administered Awards: National

- **Doctoral NSERC, SSHRC (FGSR doesn’t administer CIHR Doctoral Awards)**
  - NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship: $21,000/year (2-3 years)
  - Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship: $35,000/year (2-3 years)
  - SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship: $20,000/year (up to 4 years)
  - Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship: $35,000/year (3 years)
  - Open to Canadian citizens and permanent residents conducting research in SSHRC/NSERC fields
  - By nomination from universities (internal selection by the Graduate Scholarship Committee)
  - FGSR offers topup funding

- **Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship**
  - $50,000/ year (3 years)
  - Aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarly achievement in graduate studies
  - Open to both Canadian and international students
  - By nomination from universities (internal selection by the Graduate Scholarship Committee)
  - FGSR offers topup funding

- **Canada Graduate Scholarship – Master’s (NSERC, CIHR, SSHRC)**
  - $17,500 over 12 months
  - Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents
  - Adjudicated by departments with the final decision made by the Graduate Scholarship Committee
  - FGSR offers topup funding
FGSR-administered Awards: Provincial

• **Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship**
  - Up to $10,800 (master’s); up to $15,000 (doctoral)
  - Open to Canadian Citizens and Permanent Residents
  - Funds allocated to departments; awards distributed via FGSR by nomination from department

• **Indigenous Graduate Award**
  - Up to $15,000
  - Open to Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nations, Métis, or Inuit Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents who are residents of Alberta
  - By application to FGSR

• **Dr Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship**
  - Recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership especially in the area of disability, and/or initiative to improve conditions and lives of all people, while attending post-secondary studies in Alberta
  - $2,000
  - Open to Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents living in Alberta
  - By nomination from Alberta institutions (internal selection by the Graduate Scholarship Committee)
FGSR-administered Awards: Institutional

- **Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship**
  - The most prestigious graduate award administered by the University of Alberta.
  - $35,000 a year (2 years) + International Graduate Student Differential Fee
  - Open to doctoral students
  - No restriction of citizenship or field of study
  - By nomination from departments (final decision by GSC)

- **Andrew Stewart Memorial Graduate Prize**
  - $5,000
  - Open to PhD students who have completed two or more years of their PhD program and are actively engaged in thesis research
  - No restriction of citizenship or field of study
  - Selection is based partly on academic merit, but research accomplishment—while registered in a doctoral program at the University of Alberta—is the major criterion.
  - By nomination from departments (final decision by GSC)

- **Recruitment Scholarships and Program Completion Awards**
  - For master’s and doctoral students
  - By nomination from department
FGSR-administered Awards: Departmental

- Hundreds of donor-funded departmental awards
- Specific to program or inter-departmental
- Requirements and values unique to each award
- By nomination from the program (final decision by FGSR or GSC)

- FGSR Department-Specific Awards Database
FGSR-administered Awards: Travel

- up to $2,000 depending on the estimated eligible expenses
- Open to master’s and PhD students
- No restriction on citizenship
- One award per graduate program
- Supports conference travel and research travel
- Funding is from multiple sources and fiscal-year dependent
- By application to FGSR (ongoing until funds are depleted)
How Award Decisions Are Made

• **Awards Administered by the Department or Faculty**
  – Decisions will be made by the department or faculty

• **Internal Awards Administered by the FGSR and externally funded awards with institutional allocations (e.g. Killam, CGSM)**
  – Applications/nominations submitted to FGSR are reviewed and adjudicated by the Graduate Scholarship Committee.

• **External Awards with institutional quotas (e.g. Vanier)**
  – Stage 1: Applications submitted to FGSR are reviewed by the Graduate Scholarship Committee.
  – Stage 2: Shortlisted applications are forwarded to external agencies for adjudication.
Award Services – Resources

• Annual Information Sessions for Tri-Council awards (NSERC, SSHRC, Vanier) early Fall

• FGSR Websites – Awards and Funding Page

• Award Winner’s Handbook and Graduate Scholarship Committee Handbook

• External Agencies websites
Stay Connected

- FGSR Website: uab.ca/gradstudies
- 2 E-bulletins
  - Weekly Grads Digest E-bulletin – subscribed automatically
  - Professional Development E-bulletin – subscribed automatically
- FGSR Google Calendar
- Twitter: @UAGradStudies
- Facebook: @UAlbertaFGSR
Where to find us

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Website: uab.ca/gradstudies