

Graduate Research Assistantship Funds (GRAF)

GRAF Funds will be allocated as follows:

- **Funds Available:** ~\$180,000
- **GRAF Tuition Award:** \$112,000 (~62%) of total GRAF funds will be used for tuition awards.
- **GRAF Emergency Assistance:** \$68,000 (~38%) of total GRAF funds will be used to assist faculty members in emergency funding situations. The GRA is equal to an 8 hour GRA as per the GSA/University of Alberta Agreement. Supervisors are expected to top up the GRA to the department approved stipend rates.
- **Stipend rates for graduate students:** \$23,000 per annum (\$1,916.67 per month) for PhD; \$21,000 per annum (\$1,750 per month) for MSc thesis-based.

GRAF Tuition Award: \$112,000 will be used for tuition awards. **Please note, GRAF Tuition Awards are no longer being offered, effective Fall 2018 Term, until further notice**

Tuition awards will be allocated as follows:

- All students who obtain a minimum GPA of 3.5/4.0 or higher in UofA course work required for their AFNS graduate program (minimum of 3 graduate level courses) are eligible to be considered for a one-time tuition scholarship in the Fall term following completion of a minimum of 3 graduate level courses in their MSc or PhD program.
- Value of the award is equal to the tuition assessed in the Fall term as stated above.
- Students will receive this award *only once* in their program.
- MSc students who transfer to the PhD program are eligible to receive this award ONCE.
- Students who complete an MSc program and then begin a PhD program are eligible to receive the award twice - once in the MSc program AND once in the PhD program. Course work completed in the MSc program will be used to assess award eligibility for the MSc program and course work completed in the PhD program will be used to assess award eligibility for the PhD program.
- Total award value available for distribution would be approximately \$112,000 (62% of \$180,000)

GRAF Emergency Assistance: Application must be submitted by a Faculty member.

Eligibility: Faculty member requiring department assistance to fund their graduate student must include the following with each application:

- Reason for the request (funding to support the student's graduate program is no longer available due to rejection of research grant OR student's program is taking longer than anticipated to complete);
- Student is in good standing academically;
- Research progress of student and time line for completion of student's program;
- Justification of financial need (based on the finances of the supervisor);
- Financial support plan – review of efforts to obtain additional funds to support this graduate student's program (i.e. list submitted proposals, proposals under development, awards student has applied for).
- GRAF Emergency will be approved for a maximum of 8 months only.