

Funding Opportunities

Financial support is usually available to thesis-based MSc and PhD students in the Department of Renewable Resources through research grants held by prospective supervisors. However, the University of Alberta does not guarantee funding, and funding levels may vary. Course-based Masters students are usually self-funded.

The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research estimates tuition costs and living expenses to be approximately \$22,000/year for Canadians or permanent residents, and \$25,000/year for international students (see FGSR). As of 2016, the minimum stipend that qualifies as full funding support is approximately \$2000/month as per the [Graduate Student Association's Collective Agreement \(GSA\)](#). External link <http://www.gsa.ualberta.ca/>

Graduate Research Assistantship Fellowships (GRAF)

Graduate Research Assistantship Fellowships (GRAF) may be available to assist thesis-based MSc and PhD students in completion of their graduate program. The supervisor-provided stipend may not cover the full cost of living and tuition fees. At the time of application or admission, students should discuss with their prospective supervisor whether they can expect to receive a full or partial graduate research stipend, for how long, and what the conditions of annual renewal are. Further, students may clarify whether additional income from scholarships or teaching assistantships result in reductions of the supervisor-provided research stipend.

GRAFs are advertised by supervisors on the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences' [graduate student positions database](#). External link: <https://ales-ssl.ales.ualberta.ca/gradpositions>

Graduate Teaching or Research Assistantships (GTA or GRA)

The Department of Renewable Resources has a number of Teaching Assistant and Marker opportunities available for our graduate students. Faculty members may also hire graduate students for non-thesis related research work. Minimum hourly pay rates for GRA and GTA assignments are governed by the Graduate Student Association's Collective Agreement (see GSA). Supervisors and instructors may advertise GTA and GRA positions on their websites, through email lists, or by approaching students directly. They select candidates based on their academic qualifications and relevant training and experience for the teaching or research assignments. Please send your CV and details of your qualifications for the specific position to course instructors or supervisors.

A list of GTA and Marker positions is available [here](#).

FGSR Scholarships & Awards

The Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Alberta offers a variety of awards on a competitive basis. Some important scholarship opportunities are listed below:

- Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarships (\$10,800 for MSc, \$15,000 for PhD programs)
- Killam, Dissertation, and Andrew Stewart Awards (\$5,000 to \$35,000)

- Graduate Travel Award to support conference presentations (up to \$1,300)
- Recruitment awards and top-up awards for major scholarship winners
- FGSR also administers Vanier, NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR for current students (up to \$50,000/yr)

For more information, application forms, and application deadlines, see the Awards & Scholarships page of the [Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research](https://www.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/awards-and-funding). External link <https://www.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/awards-and-funding>

How to apply: Calls for on-line applications are announced through the departmental mailing list throughout the year. If you are a new or prospective student, and not yet on the departmental mailing list, please contact the [Associate Chair, Graduate Studies](#). Linked to old website Contact Us page

Departmental Awards

The Department has an annual call for specialized graduate scholarships in the areas of Forest Management, Biodiversity Conservation, Land Reclamation, Soil Science and Agriculture.

Note: Value of each award is approximate and subject to change without notice.

Forest Management

- Al Brennan Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Forestry (\$13,000)
- Desmond I Crossley Memorial Scholarship (\$11,000)
- College of Alberta Professional Foresters Graduate Award (4x \$2,500)
- Max MacLaggan Scholarship (\$2,400)
- William H McCardell Memorial Scholarship in Forest Science (\$2,200)

Biodiversity Conservation

- Bill Shostak Wildlife Award (\$8,000)
- Gwendolyn Ewan Graduate Scholarship (\$5,700)
- Martin J Paetz Memorial Graduate Award in Fisheries Management (\$3,500)
- Margaret (Peg) Brown Award in Environmental Studies and Wildlife Resources (\$1,600)
- Anina Hundsdorfer Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$750)

Land Reclamation, Soil Science and Agriculture

- Syngenta Graduate Scholarship in Sustainable Agriculture (\$6000)
- Donald A Shaw Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$4,300)
- Henry Kroeger Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$2,800)
- Rogers Sugar Ltd Scholarship (\$500)

General Awards

- John and Patricia Schlosser Environment Scholarship. (\$7,000)
- Jean Isabel Soper Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Science (\$6,850)
- William A. Fuller Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$2,000)
- Professor JB McQuitty Graduate Scholarship: (\$ 1,300)
- Ian GW Corns Memorial Scholarship (\$900)

How to apply: Calls for on-line applications are announced through the departmental mailing list usually

around May of each year. If you are a new or prospective student, and not yet on the departmental mailing list, please contact the Associate Chair, Graduate Studies. Linked to old website Contact Us page

Alberta Conservation Association Grants

The ACA Grants in Biodiversity program for graduate students is funded by the Alberta Conservation Association and operated through the Alberta Cooperative Conservation Research Unit - a partnership between the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary and the University of Lethbridge. The research supported by the ACA Grants in Biodiversity aims to conserve, protect and enhance Alberta's fish, wildlife and natural habitats.

How to Apply: The [Alberta Cooperative Conservation Research Unit](http://www.acabiodiversity.ca/) - <http://www.acabiodiversity.ca/> - typically announces a call for proposals in fall with a December deadline. Graduate students from any research institution are invited to submit applications. Approval of project proposals will lead to a grant in support of field and research expenses for up to \$20,000 for 2 years, beginning April.