

Funding Opportunities

Financial support is usually available to thesis-based MSc and PhD students in the Department of Renewable Resources (RENR) through research grants held by prospective supervisors. Minimum guaranteed funding for PhD students at the University of Alberta provides financial support for doctoral students through years one to four of their program with minimum guaranteed funding of \$100K CAD over four years and not less than \$25K CAD in their first year. Course-based Masters students are self-funded.

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 GRAF 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.

Select GRAFs are advertised by supervisors on the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences' [graduate student positions](#) database.

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. Candidates are selected 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.

GPS Scholarships & Awards

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

- Killam and Andrew Stewart Awards (\$5,000 to \$45,000)
- Graduate Travel Award to support conference presentations (up to \$2,000)
- Recruitment awards and top-up awards for major scholarship winners
- GPS also administers Tri-Council Canada Graduate Research Scholarships (up to \$40,000/yr)

For more information and application deadlines, see the Awards & Scholarships page of the [Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies](#).

How to apply: Calls for on-line applications are announced through the departmental mailing list throughout the year. If you are a new student and not yet on the departmental mailing list, please contact grad.ales@ualberta.ca.

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

- Desmond I Crossley Memorial Scholarship (\$8,200)
- Max MacLaggan Scholarship (\$3,500)
- William H McCardell Memorial Scholarship in Forest Science (\$3,200)

Biodiversity Conservation

- Margaret (Peg) Brown Award in Environmental Studies and Wildlife Resources (\$3,300)
- Anina Hundsdoerfer Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$2000)

Land Reclamation, Soil Science and Agriculture

- Syngenta Graduate Scholarship in Sustainable Agriculture (\$8,900)
- Henry Kroeger Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$4,300)

General Awards

- John and Patricia Schlosser Environment Scholarship. (\$11,700)
- Jean Isabel Soper Memorial Graduate Scholarship in Science (\$10,000)
- William A. Fuller Memorial Graduate Scholarship (\$3,900)
- Professor JB McQuitty Graduate Scholarship: (\$ 3,200)
- Ian GW Corns Memorial Scholarship (\$1,500)

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 student, and not yet on the departmental mailing list, please contact grad.ales@ualberta.ca.

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](#) 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.