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To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Re: **2027 Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS) Blair Spearman Doctoral Prize**

GPS is now accepting nominations for the 2027 CMS Blair Spearman Doctoral Prize. The prize consists of a framed certificate, an award of $2,000, a two-year membership in the CMS, and the opportunity to present a plenary lecture at a CMS meeting.

The CMS Blair Spearman Doctoral Prize recognizes outstanding performance by a doctoral student. The prize is awarded to one recipient of a Ph.D. from a Canadian university whose overall performance in graduate school is judged to be the most outstanding. Although the dissertation will be the most important criterion (the impact of the results, the creativity of the work, the quality of exposition, etc.) it will not be the only one. Other publications, activities in support of students and other accomplishments will also be considered.

Nominees must have received their PhD from a Canadian university within January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026

Nomination Procedure:
Each department may submit **one nomination via GSMS by Thursday, December 17, 2026.** Each nomination must include:

- A recent curriculum vitae prepared by the student.
- A résumé of the student's work and must be written by the student. It should briefly describe the thesis and why it is important, along with any other contributions the student made while a doctoral student. Maximum 10 pages.
- Three letters of recommendation of which one should be from the thesis advisor and one from an external examiner. A copy of the external examiner's report may be substituted for the latter. More than three letters of recommendation are not accepted.
- Unofficial U of A Transcript.

GPS will consider all nominations received and forward one nomination to the Canadian Mathematical Society Office by the January 31, 2027 deadline. Successful nominees will be notified directly by CMS.

Sincerely,

Award Services

The University of Alberta acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the history, languages, and cultures of the First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our institution.