FGSR is pleased to announce details for the 2020-2021 Canadian Water Resources Graduate Scholarships (CWRA) competition. The CWRA offers five scholarships annually to graduate students whose program of study focuses on applied, natural, or social science aspects of water resources.

The University of Alberta will be responsible for sending complete applications to CWRA on behalf of the student; please review the below details and nomination process. Visit [CWRA's website](http://www.cwra.org) for complete information surrounding this funding opportunity. The competition information will also be linked on FGSR’s website under [Award Deadlines at-a-glance](http://www.ualberta.ca/gradstudent/)

### Value

All five scholarships are awarded through a single application process. The five CWRA scholarships are awarded to the top five applicants. All applicants will receive a one-year membership with CWRA.

- **Dillon Consulting Scholarship - $5,000**
  This premier scholarship will be awarded to the highest ranked of all applicants. Funding is provided by Dillon Consulting Limited on an annual basis.

- **Harker/Cameron - Women in Water Scholarship - $2,000**
  Awarded to the highest ranked female applicant whom has not already been awarded a higher scholarship. This scholarship is presented to recognize the ongoing legacy of Jennifer Harker and Valerie Cameron.

- **Rick Ross Student Scholarship - $2,000**
  Awarded to the highest ranked of all applicants whom has not already been awarded a higher scholarship. This scholarship is presented to recognize the ongoing legacy of Rick Ross.

- **Ken Thomson Scholarship - $2,000**
  Awarded to the highest ranked of all applicants whom has not already been awarded a higher scholarship. This scholarship is presented to honour the legacy of the late Ken Thomson.

- **CWRA Memorial Scholarship - $1,500**
  Awarded to the highest ranked of all applicants whom has not already been awarded a higher scholarship. This scholarship represents a tribute to CWRA Members by their colleagues’ donations.

### Eligibility

The scholarships are open to Canadian citizens or permanent residents, attending a Canadian university or college, who are enrolled in full-time graduate studies in any department in both fall and winter terms of the 2020-2021 academic year.
The CWRA scholarships are awarded primarily on the basis of academic excellence as well as project relevance to water resources management and development. When applicants are equal on the basis of these criteria, selection will be based on encouraging diverse geographic reach and varied technical focus. Equity and diversity will also be valued.

Application and Department Nomination Process

FGSR must submit student’s applications to the CWRA program on behalf of the student. Departments are responsible for compiling major pieces required for the application and forwarding them to FGSR. The CWRA will not accept applications directly from the applying student. Applications and accompanying documents sent directly to the FGSR by the applicant will not be accepted (including reference letters sent directly by referees).

Each graduate department may submit 1 nomination for consideration. Departments must submit the following 5 application requirements as one PDF, to FGSR via grad.awards@ualberta.ca by Tuesday, December 15, 2020. Nominations for this scholarship are not being processed via the GSMS Awards Portal.

A complete application includes:

1. Departmental nomination letter endorsing the student:
   - 1 page; on letterhead, addressed to
     CWRA Scholarship Program
     120 Glenora Street
     Ottawa, ON, Canada
     K1S 1J3

2. 2020-21 Graduate Scholarships in Water Resources Application Form: www.cwra.org/en/awards/scholarships
3. Proof of Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status.
4. Official course transcripts from all other institutions at the undergraduate and graduate level
5. Two letters of reference

Departments are to use their own internal selection process, and may refer to CWRA’s guidance and evaluation criteria as listed on their website:

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A formal awards presentation will be held at the CWRA 74th Annual Conference in Quebec City, Quebec on May 26-28, 2021. Applicants are encouraged to consider submitting an abstract for the conference. Details can be found at: www.conference.cwra.org.

Please contact grad.awards@ualberta.ca should you have questions.

Sincerely,

Award Services
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research