

Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship - Parental Leave

Effective January 1, 2023, eligible holders of the Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship (graduate-level) may apply for a parental leave. This benefit is intended to support recipients who do not have access to other paid parental leave support through Tri-Agency or external scholarship funding. Please review the eligibility and conditions below.

Value:

- \$1875 per month up to a maximum of 12 months, dependent on funding availability (review additional requirements and conditions for stipulations)

To be eligible, the award holder must:

- Currently hold an Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship (graduate level)
- Be on an approved Maternity and/or Parental leave of absence from their program
- Be the primary caregiver for the duration of the interruption

Additional requirements and conditions:

- Approval of paid parental leave is subject to the availability of funds. Award holders must request leave from FGSR (contact grad.awards@ualberta.ca) who will confirm the availability of funding
- Parental leave support may be taken as of January 1, 2023 or later
- The leave must be taken within six months following the birth or adoption of the child
- Award holders may request a parental leave for every occasion of birth or adoption that occurs during the tenure of their award, however;
- Multiple births or adoptions upon the same occasion (for example, twins or sibling adoptions) do not increase the duration or value of the leave
- If both parents are Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship recipients, and choose to share primary caregiver responsibilities, they may share the paid leave for a cumulative maximum of 12 months
- Award holders who concurrently hold an external award that provides parental leave support (Tri-Agency, Alberta Innovates, etc.) must take the external award leave first and cannot hold both parental leave supports at the same time.
 - As Alberta Innovates support is only available for 6 months, recipients may hold an Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Scholarship parental leave for 6 months after the completion of Alberta Innovates support (for a combined maximum of 12 months).

If you are unsure if your situation qualifies, please reach out to grad.awards@ualberta.ca

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