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Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2022

To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators, and Students

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Re: **2022-2023 Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit (AbSPORU) Graduate Studentship**

FGSR is pleased to announce details for the 2022-2023 Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit (AbSPORU) Graduate Studentship in Patient-Orientated Research. AbSPORU provides opportunities for individuals enrolled in any year of a thesis-based Master's or PhD program at one of Alberta's four comprehensive academic research universities (CARU) to undertake research that both meaningfully engages patients and addresses their priorities.

The program provides 12 months of funding support towards a thesis-based Master's or Doctoral degree, consisting of a stipend of \$30,000. Recipients will have the opportunity to attain the knowledge and experience they need to build exciting careers that leverage their unique training and expertise in patient-oriented research.

There is no nomination, list, or ranking required by the department. To assist in the promotion of this studentship, we request Departments disseminate information about this year's competition to their students. The University of Alberta will be responsible for sending complete applications to AbSPORU on behalf of the student. Visit [AbSPORU's website](#) for complete information surrounding this funding opportunity.

Eligibility

Students and Departments are to refer to AbSPORU's Program Guide for complete details on eligibility criteria.

Application Process

FGSR must submit student's applications to the AbSPORU program on behalf of the student. AbSPORU will not accept applications directly from the applying student. Students are to email their completed PDF application to FGSR Award Services (grad.awards@ualberta.ca) by **Thursday, December 1, 2022 (4:00 pm MST)**. Nominations for this scholarship are not being processed via the GSMS Awards Portal.

Please carefully read all instructions provided in the [AbSPORU application form](#) and include all necessary attachments. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure the Application Package is complete prior to submission to FGSR. **Incomplete Application Packages will not be considered.**

A complete application package includes:

- Complete all applicable sections of the [Application Form](#) and save it as a PDF
- Append required and/or necessary attachments (including university transcripts) as separate PDF pages.
- One Reference Letter (to be submitted directly to AbSPORU by Referees):
 - **One reference letter is required from the Primary Supervisor identified in the application form.** No other reference letters will be permitted or considered. For details, please refer to the AbSPORU application instructions.
 - Referees should directly email the signed letter in PDF format in confidence to absporu@ualberta.ca, solely for the purpose of supporting the application for a competitive award. The Applicant is responsible for requesting the letter(s) from the Referees. Referee letters must be received by AbSPORU **no later than 4:00pm MST on December 16, 2022.**

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

Sincerely,

Award Services
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