The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) is pleased to announce details about the 2020 Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships (AI GSS) competition, now available on FGSR’s website. For complete details, Departments and students are to read through the Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships Program Guidelines and Handbook, available on Alberta Innovates website, and FGSR’s website.

**Award Value**

Master’s: $26,000  
Doctoral: $31,000  
Top-Up: $12,000 (Major Award Top-Up [i.e. Tri-Council awards, China Scholarship Council (CSC), etc.])

**Start Dates**

AI GSS may start either on May 1, 2020, September 1, 2020, or January 1, 2021.

**Eligibility & GPA Calculations**

Information regarding eligibility criteria can be found on FGSR’s website. A minimum of 3.5 GPA is an eligibility requirement for all applicants. The GPA will be calculated based on the current graduate program graded course work at the University of Alberta, or, if a student is newly admitted, the AGPA will be used to determine eligibility. Graduate Program Administrators may access GPA Guidelines – Awards.pdf in eClass for GPA calculation methods.

**Application and Department Nomination Process**

Departments are to nominate via the GSMS Award portal by Wednesday, November 25, 2020 before 4:00 PM therefore departments may choose to set an earlier internal deadline. Departments are requested to submit up to 20 applications only (combined Masters/Doctoral). If a department receives five or fewer applications in a given category, they may forward all applications.

1) Students must submit the following documents to their Department for internal adjudication. Applications and accompanying documents sent directly to the FGSR by the applicant will not be considered:

- Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship Application form  
- Two Letters of Reference. The Letter of Reference to Support Application for Graduate Awards Form must be completed and signed (electronic image or handwritten signature) by each applicant’s referee. Confidential letters of reference may accompany the standard letter of reference form, but may not
replace such. Departments are asked to ensure the letters of reference are in sealed envelopes if submitted by the applicant, or sent directly to the department if submitted by the referee.

- Up-to date unofficial U of A transcript (may be printed from BearTracks).
- Copies of transcripts from all other post-secondary institutions attended.

2) Departments are to submit the following to FGSR by **November 25, 2020 before 4:00 PM**:

- Upload the students’ documents separately as noted above to the GSMS Awards Portal. Incomplete applications submitted (including those lacking any of the required signatures or without the applicants’ UofA ID#) will not be considered. **FGSR will not follow up regarding applications that are incomplete.**

We wish all students and departments success in the upcoming competition!

Sincerely,

FGSR Award Services