The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR) is pleased to announce details about the 2022 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 September 1, 2022, or January 1, 2023.

**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.

**Application Process**

NEW for 2022/23: Departments are no longer required to review applications and submit eligible nominees to FGSR. To assist in the promotion of this scholarship, we request Departments disseminate this year’s competition details to their students and potential applicants.
Students must review our website for the complete application process, information, and timelines. Should Departments want a copy of the student’s application for advisement purposes, they may request this directly from the student. As referees are required to submit their assessment through an online form in GSMS, letters are not available to students and departments.

Students must submit a complete application via GSMS Awards Portal by **Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 11:59 pm MDT/Edmonton Time**. Due to the high volume of applications we expect to receive, we highly recommend students to submit their application a few days prior the deadline to avoid any technical issue. **FGSR will NOT ACCEPT any late applications and no exceptions.**

Students must carefully read and follow the GSMS Awards Student Training Document\Apply for Awards to submit an application (available in GSMS or on FGSR's website under Award Resources).

Search for the award name: "**Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship 2022/23** (name changed Aug 25, 2022)."

A complete application includes:

1. **Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship Application form** - for questions related to the content of each section, applicants are encouraged to seek advise from their supervisor(s) or department.

   Students may also refer to the **Tips & Tools for a Successful Scholarship Application** located under Award Resources webpage.

2. Up-to-date Transcripts of the applicant's complete academic record (this includes all undergraduate and graduate studies, completed or ongoing). Up-to-date transcripts are defined as transcripts dated or issued in the fall session of the year of application (if currently registered) or after the last term completed (if not currently registered). Instructions below must also be followed:

   a. **Unofficial U of A transcript** (can be obtain from BearTracks) that shows Fall 2022 registration.

   b. Copies of **OFFICIAL transcripts from all other post-secondary institutions attended**, if applicable. This includes (but is not limited to):
      - all other Canadian and foreign transcripts (i.e. show all coursework and grades, and conferral of any degrees)
      - all transfer credit transcripts (even if they were transferred to this university)
      - all transcripts of incomplete work/non-degree study/qualifying years, etc
      - one copy of the legend (reverse of each transcript) must be included
• transcript text must be horizontal and uploaded in order from least recent to most recent.

**IMPORTANT:** It is the applicant’s sole responsibility to submit all required transcripts. FGSR will NOT provide copies of transcripts (including foreign transcripts) to either departments or students.

3. **Two Letters of Reference.** These letters must be submitted by the referees via GSMS Awards Portal. Applicants are responsible for supplying their referees with the documents necessary for them to write their respective letters.

Applicants should contact their referees well in advance of the application deadline date. For each referee, applicants are required to enter the name and contact information and to set the required deadline date by which the assessments must be submitted through GSMS Awards Portal. GSMS will then send email requests to the referees providing them with a link that will allow your referee to complete their assessment online.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to follow up with referees to ensure the assessments are submitted in sufficient time prior to the applicant’s deadline. **Applicants will not be able to submit their application until the referees have submitted their assessment and this task is completed.**

Please make sure to double check everything to ensure the application package is complete in every respect before submitting in GSMS. Once the application is submitted to FGSR, **NO revisions will be permitted.**

A successful submission of application will have a status of “Under Review”. Incomplete application including those submitted with missing transcripts and missing signatures, will be deemed ineligible. **FGSR will not follow up regarding applications that are incomplete and the application will automatically be deemed ineligible.**

We wish all students success in the upcoming competition!

Sincerely,

FGSR Award Services