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To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators

From: Awards Services, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Re: Governor General's Gold Medal Competition – **2020 Fall Convocation**

The Governor General's Gold Medal is awarded for academic excellence at the graduate level. At the University of Alberta, it recognizes the doctoral graduate who achieves the highest academic standing. While selection of a recipient is based primarily on academic excellence, attention to the dissertation and cumulative scholarly achievement during the doctoral program also will be considered. One medal is presented at the Spring Convocation and two medals are presented at the Fall Convocation. If you are aware of a doctoral graduand in the Fall 2020 convocation who is of truly outstanding quality, please provide a nomination to FGSR. One nomination will be accepted from each department.

Nomination Instructions:

Submissions must be uploaded through [GSMS](#). For instructions on how to submit nominations through the GSMS system, please review the instructions in the [Department Resources under Award Resources](#) on our website.

Departments are required to upload the four (4) following documents:

1. A supporting statement from the department on letterhead (maximum two pages PDF)
2. Application documents in the following order (combined as one PDF)
 - a. A copy of the doctoral thesis abstract
 - b. The table of contents
 - c. The summary/synthesis chapter
 - d. An assessment provided by the external examiner/reader signed and dated prior to the thesis defense
3. A current CV for the nominee (PDF)
4. An unofficial U of A transcript from CampusSolutions (PDF)

Deadline for receipt of nominations is Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 4:00PM. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.