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Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

Re: Governor General's Gold Medal Competition – 2023 Spring 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 Spring 2023 convocation who is of truly outstanding quality, please provide a nomination to FGSR. One nomination will be accepted from each department.

Nominations must be submitted via the GSMS Awards Portal by **Tuesday, April 18, 2023**. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered. Departments are required to upload the four (4) following documents in GSMS:

1. A supporting statement from the department on letterhead (maximum two pages; PDF format)
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. The nominee's current CV (PDF)
4. An up to date unofficial U of A transcript of the nominee (PDF copy obtained from Campus Solutions)

We wish all students and departments success in the upcoming competition! Sincerely, Award Services

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