

**Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada (SWAAC)
Graduate Student Award of Merit**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada (SWAAC) Award of Merit competition.

Purpose: The Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada (SWAAC) organization was founded in 1987 to provide a forum and a collective voice for women in senior administrative ranks in Canadian universities, colleges and technical institutes. The primary purpose of SWAAC is the promotion of female leadership in Canadian universities, colleges and technical institutes.

Concordia University of Edmonton is permitted to forward one nominee to the 2020 regional competition

For 2020, four awards of \$3,500 each will be provided to female graduate students studying in the Western Provinces who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the university or general community while maintaining exemplary academic records.

Eligibility to Apply

Due to the highly competitive nature of this competition, applicants must:

- Be female graduate students pursuing a master's or doctoral program at the time of application (domestic or international);
- Demonstrate outstanding academic performance (minimum 3.5 GPA on the most recent 12 credits completed at Concordia);
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership in the university or general community, including but not limited to such things as:
 - Executive positions in student organizations
 - Participation on committees (student committees and university committees)
 - Organization of special events, conferences, etc.
 - Involvement in advocacy groups
 - Involvement in volunteer organizations, within the campus setting and/or in the general community

Application Process

Applicants must submit their application to finaid@concordia.ab.ca by Friday, November 29, 2019. A completed application will consist of the following documents (no other supporting documentation will be accepted):

1. Biographical information (in narrative form, 1-2 pages), describing:
 - Former and current studies
 - Areas of interest (both within and outside the university), ambitions
 - Research, publications
 - Awards held
 - Community and/or volunteer work
2. Curriculum vitae (no page restriction)
3. Transcripts from all universities attended (official transcripts not required)
4. Three (3) letters of reference emailed by the referees directly to finaid@concordia.ab.ca (letters must be signed and clearly state the name and contact information of the referee)

Please note: Documentation sent directly to SWAAC will **not** be considered.

Results: The Financial Aid and Awards office will notify all nominees of the results of the university competition in December. Decisions regarding the regional competition will be announced by SWAAC in March 2020.