

Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship Application Form

PURPOSE: To recognize the outstanding academic achievement of students pursuing graduate studies in Alberta. This award is open to all domestic and international students. Funding is made possible by the Government of Alberta.

AWARD VALUE: Minimum \$11,000 **NUMBER OF AWARDS:** Variable

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Applicants must be:
 - a **Domestic Student** (i.e. a Canadian citizen, permanent resident of Canada or a protected person); or
 - an **International Student** (i.e. a student who is not a Domestic Student who is authorized to study in Canada at Concordia University of Edmonton under a study permit issued by Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada); or
 - an **Indigenous Student** (i.e. a Canadian citizen with Indigenous status). The student must be Status Indian/First Nations, Non-Status Indian/First Nations, Métis, or Inuit. Applicants must provide proof of their Indigenous ancestry and should contact the Financial Aid and Awards office for acceptable forms of proof.
2. Applicants must be living in Alberta and be enrolled at Concordia University of Edmonton.
3. Applicants must be enrolled in at least 60% of a full course load. Students with a documented permanent disability may be eligible if they are enrolled in at least 40% of a full course load.
4. Applicants must be enrolled in a full-time course-based or thesis-based Master's degree program approved by the Minister of Advanced Education. All academic disciplines are eligible.
5. Applicants must demonstrate academic excellence on the most recent 9 credits of graduate studies coursework completed at Concordia University of Edmonton or elsewhere at the time of application. Only students admitted as regular graduate students will be considered.
6. Applicants who hold a Canada Graduate Scholarship from SSHRC, NSERC or CIHR may not apply.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The applicant submits the following documents to Concordia's Student and Enrolment Services (HA120) by the deadline:

- a. The signed and completed Application Form.
- b. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions that you have attended. If you are an international student, please contact fnaid@concordia.ab.ca for further instructions.
- c. One Confidential Assessment Form

DEADLINE: January 15, 2020

Application Notes:

1. This application is a PDF Fillable Form. Any fields requiring phone numbers or numerical amounts will accept only Arabic numerals - dollar signs, decimals, and dashes will be entered automatically.
2. Enter your full name in the field located on the top right-hand corner of each page.
3. All questions in Parts 1, 2, and 3 must be completed.
4. Print the completed form, sign and date the Declaration, and submit it to Student and Enrolment Services (HA120).
5. Handwritten, incomplete, inaccurate, or late applications will not be considered.

Part 1: Personal Information

Surname	Given Names
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Current Mailing Address			Phone
City	Province	Postal Code	E-mail

Date of Birth	mm	dd	yyyy	Concordia ID	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous Student	<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Citizen	<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Resident	<input type="checkbox"/> International Student
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Academic Program

Degree for which Award is Sought:	Name of Supervisor (if known):
Program Start Date:	Expected Date of Completion

Topic of Research:

Are you eligible for renewal of a Concordia administered or external award (e.g., SSHRC, NSERC, or CIHR) currently held? Yes No

If yes, name the award:

Have you applied or do you intend to apply to an agency outside of Concordia (e.g., SSHRC, NSERC, or CIHR)? Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

Part 3: Outline of Proposed Research

Applicant's Full Name: _____

- **On a separate sheet of paper**, outline your proposed research - maximum of 1000 words typed. You may attach one additional page for a bibliography (any other additional pages will be removed).
- The following are suggested headings: *Research Question & Objective; Justification; Methodology; Implications*
Research Question & Objective(s): Your statement should outline your research question "The What", and aims of this proposed research. *Justification*: Explain "The Why" such as relevant theories/research that inform and demonstrate the need for this study. *Methodology*: "The How" what method(s) will you use in order to conduct the research. *Implications for your Study/Significance*: Explain how this research will advance theory, make an original contribution to knowledge and practice in your field, and potentially contribute to society at large.
- The most effective proposals are clear, concise and coherent yet demonstrate a clear focused approach, explaining how the research would advance the discipline. Write in plain language.
- When writing your proposal, be careful NOT to present too technical a description and avoid jargon.
- Program proposals should demonstrate evidence of solid and wide knowledge of the discipline and must be written by the student, not the supervisor.

Empty space for writing the research proposal outline.

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Declaration

This information is collected in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act (Alberta) and the Taxation Act (Canada) and is required to determine your eligibility for this financial award. If you have any questions about the collection, use, or disclosure of this information please contact Student & Enrolment Services at 780-479-9220 or toll-free at 1-866-479-5200.

I declare that:

- i. All statements made in connection with this application, and any supporting documents, are true and complete in all respects and that no requested information has been withheld;
- ii. I will provide any information or documents that may be requested by the Financial Aid and Awards Office to verify any statement made in this application;
- iii. I consent to the disclosure and exchange of academic information by and between the Faculty of Graduate Studies, the Registrar, Admissions and the Financial Aid and Awards Office to verify my program of study, academic standing (including the release of my academic transcripts), and registration status to determine my eligibility for a financial award;
- iv. I acknowledge that referees submit Letters of Reference to the Financial Aid & Awards Office in confidence and that the information contained therein will not be disclosed to me;
- v. I authorize my post-secondary institution to disclose information collected on this application form, my program of study and any award details (if I am selected) to **Advanced Education**, and I authorize **Advanced Education** to collect this information from the post-secondary institution for the purposes of administering the **Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship** under the *Student Financial Assistance Act* and the *Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act*, including confirming my eligibility and suitability for this award, for program evaluation, and for research and statistical analysis;
- vi. I will provide the Financial Aid and Awards Office my Social Insurance Number should I receive a financial award for the purpose of issuing a T4A (Canada Revenue Agency).

Student Signature

Date