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Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators, and Students

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Re: **2025/26 Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship (AI GSS) Competition**

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) is pleased to announce details about the 2025/26 Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships (AI GSS) competition, now available on GPS website. For complete details such as eligibility criteria, departments and students are to read through the Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships Program Guidelines and Handbook, available on [Alberta Innovates website](#), and [GPS website](#).

Award Value

Master's: \$26,000

Doctoral: \$31,000

Top-Up: \$12,000 (Major Award valued at \$17,500 or above [i.e. Tri-Council awards, China Scholarship Council (CSC), etc.])

Note: AI GSS can be held concurrently with Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (AGES).

Start Dates

AI GSS may start either on September 1, 2025 or January 1, 2026.

Note: Students that received other major award valued at \$17,500 or above at any time while holding the AI GSS, the AI GSS start date will align with the external scholarship start or renewal date for this competition year, as determined by the GPS.

Application Process

To assist in the promotion of this scholarship, we request Departments disseminate this year's competition details to their students and potential applicants.

Students are to review the [GPS 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.

Students must submit a complete application via [GSMS Awards Portal](#) by **Wednesday, July 23, 2025**

Students must carefully read and follow the GSMS Award Resources for Students\Apply for Awards to submit an application (available in GSMS or on GPS website under [Award Resources](#)).

In GSMS awards portal, search for the award name: "**Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship**".

A complete application includes:

1. [Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship Application Form](#) - for questions related to the content of each section, students are encouraged to seek advice from their supervisor(s) or department.
2. **Up-to-date Transcripts** of the student's complete academic record (this includes all undergraduate and graduate studies, completed or ongoing).
 - a. **Unofficial U of A transcript** (can be obtained from BearTracks) that shows current term 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 student's sole responsibility to submit all required transcripts. GPS will NOT provide copies of transcripts (including foreign transcripts) to either departments or students.

Please make sure to double check everything to ensure the application package is complete in every respect before submitting in GSMS. GPS will not follow up with students with incomplete application including those submitted with missing transcripts and missing signatures, the application may be disadvantage. **NO revisions will be permitted after the application deadline.**

3. **Two Letters of Reference** are required. Referees are to complete their assessments via the Google Form (<https://forms.gle/dCmvtinxuomKugfm8>). Students are responsible for providing this link to their referees, and documents necessary for them to write their respective letters.



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Referees must submit their letters via google form by Wednesday, July 23, 2025 at 11:59 pm MST/Edmonton Time. Students should contact their referees well in advance and follow up with their referees to ensure the form is submitted by the deadline (the google form will automatically close after this deadline).

We wish all students success in the upcoming competition!

Sincerely,

GPS Award Services