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Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators, Students/Applicants

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Re: 2024-2025 Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (AGES)

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) has received confirmation of funding for the 2024-2025 Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarships (AGES) from the Government of Alberta, and we are pleased to announce details of this competition.

The AGES, valued at \$12,000, recognizes outstanding academic achievement of students pursuing graduate studies in Alberta. It was established to incent the best and the brightest students, including international students, to study in Alberta. There are two categories of AGES: AGES nominations made to GPS (allocations provided to Departments) and AGES Indigenous (Indigenous students apply directly to GPS).

AGES Indigenous:

Eligible Indigenous graduate students are encouraged to apply directly to GPS via the GSMS Awards Portal for the AGES prior to Departmental nomination of the regular allocations. Refer to the GPS website for complete details on eligibility criteria and the application procedure on the Indigenous portion of the AGES competition.

Deadline for students to apply: **Wednesday, October 16, 2024 before 4:00 PM**

Department Allocations Nominations:

All departments received at least one AGES allocation, and a quota of at least 1 allocation for which an international student with a study permit may be nominated. Refer to [GPS' website](#) for complete details on eligibility criteria and the allocation table with the specified allotments for domestic and international students; note certain departments may submit alternates. Nominations must be submitted via the GSMS Awards portal by **Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at 4:00 PM**. The nomination package must consist of:

- Completed [AGES student declaration form](#)
- Up-to-date Unofficial UofA transcript

Important Notes:

- Departments may nominate eligible international students up to the prescribed limits within the table; however, nomination of students on study permits is not mandatory and the allocation may be used for students with Canadian/Permanent Resident citizenship. Our contract from the Government of Alberta mandates how many awards may be offered to international students; therefore, we cannot exceed the limits outlined in the allocation table.
- Departments may use their allocations to nominate either masters or doctoral students as the award value is the same. Refer to [GPS' website](#) for complete eligibility requirements. Departments are to use the 'GPA Guidelines - Awards' procedures available in eClass for calculating the GPA on the last 15 credits.
- Allocations cannot be split; one allocation is equivalent to one \$12,000 scholarship and is paid to students in one lump sum via direct deposit only.
- **A student may only receive one Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship per year.** This scholarship is not renewable, but Departments may nominate students for a new award in each year during which they meet the eligibility requirements (refer to the [Scholarships and Awards Manual](#) for details).

Department Alternate Process: Departments are given a quota of alternates that they are able to submit. Please refer to the allocation table to determine whether your department is eligible to submit alternates. Alternates must be domestic students only and must be submitted via GSMS Awards Portal no later than November 13, 2024. Should additional AGES allocations be available, GPS will hold an adjudication in Winter 2025 term with the alternate candidates submitted by departments. A complete alternate package includes (must be uploaded in GSMS separately):

- Completed [AGES student declaration form](#)
- Up-to-date Unofficial U of A transcript
- Research Proposal (maximum 1 page)
- CV
- 1 Letter of Reference (Use reference form found [here](#))

Sincerely,

GPS Awards Services