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Graduate Student Experience Initiative Award

Description

This award is established and funded by the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) of the University of Calgary (UCalgary) in recognition of graduate students who have demonstrated initiatives geared towards improving the UCalgary graduate student experience. This award is not meant to fund the initiatives, but rather to recognize the individuals who have created an initiative which benefits the UCalgary graduate community. Initiatives may be academic, non academic, community focused, or wellness oriented and may be formal or grassroots in nature.

Please review the Terms of Reference BEFORE applying. <https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/financial-support/awards/>

Value:

\$500 CDN award for individual applicants.

\$1,000 CDN award for group applicants to be divided among eligible graduate student contributors..

Intake Period:

January 26 - February 09, 2026

Application name

Principal Applicant Information

UCalgary Email Address

UCalgary ID Number (UCID)

Faculty

Department

Program

Program Type Course-Based Thesis-Based**Academic Load** Full-time Part-time**Application Type** Individual Group**Year of Study****Status** Domestic International I hereby request and authorize the release of information contained in my student records to the appropriate departmental scholarship selection committee for the purpose of evaluation and scholarship award selection. I acknowledge if I fail to follow the guidelines stated in the applicable terms of reference my application will not be adjudicated.**Full Name****Authorize Date****Confirmation of Enrolment (ADHERE STRICTLY)**

Please upload a copy of your current confirmation of enrollment.

How to Access Your Current Confirmation of Enrollment:

1. Log into your UofC Student Portal – MyUCalgary (<https://my.ucalgary.ca/>)
2. In the white side banner, click on “Program and Advising Info”
3. A new page will open
4. Take a screenshot of this new page. Be sure to capture all of your current program information, including:
 - name
 - year of program
 - degree stream
 - area of study
 - academic load
5. Attach the screenshot as your proof of enrollment for the 2025-2026 academic year

N.B. For group applications, upload all screenshots from group members.

Initiative Title

20 words

Provide a concise title for your initiative.

(Maximum 20 words)

Initiative Description

150 words

Describe the initiative, including its purpose, activities, timeline, and context.

Explain how the initiative was implemented and what need or gap it sought to address.

(Maximum 150 words)

Impact and Beneficiaries

100 words

Describe the impact of the initiative on the graduate student experience.

Indicate who benefited, such as specific programs, faculties, communities, or groups.

Describe the nature and depth of this impact.

(Maximum 100 words)

Originality or Adaptation

100 words

Explain how the initiative demonstrates originality, innovation, or thoughtful adaptation of an existing idea to meet unmet or emerging student needs.

(Maximum 100 words)

Equity and Inclusion Considerations

100 words

Describe how the initiative contributes to equity, inclusion, accessibility, reconciliation, or support for underrepresented or marginalized graduate student communities, where applicable.

If not applicable, briefly explain why.

(Maximum 100 words)

Reference Requirement

- One completed reference is required
- Maximum of two pages
- Reference can be from a Graduate Supervisor, Volunteer Supervisor, Manager, Team Lead, etc.
- Application deadline is inclusive of receipt of references
- Ensure your reference knows that this application is an initiative award and as such the **reference form should focus on your initiative.**

How References Work in Good Grants

- In the white box below, you, the applicant, will be prompted to add the name and email of your reference
- Once you have entered the contact information of your reference, click "add referee"
- An email will be sent to your reference with a link to a reference letter attachment tab in your Good Grants application. **This tab is hidden from the applicant**
- Once the invitation email is sent, a time stamp will populate under "add referee"

- A "re-send" button will also populate underneath the timestamp of the first email
- **You, the applicant, can submit your application. Your reference's attachment of their letter is not a requirement of submission**
- However, to be eligible for review, your reference must attach their letter before the closing of the award intake period
- Once an application is submitted you will receive a confirmation email
- **You will NOT receive a confirmation email when your reference attaches their letter.** You have to manually check the reference tab of your application. You can do this pre- submission and post-submission
- Once your reference attaches their letter, a complete timestamp will populate underneath the sent email timestamp