Graduate Representative Council Initiative Award

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**Value**

$1000 (one-time payout)

**Eligibility**

Open to students registered in a graduate program in the Faculty of Graduate Studies who are in good standing in their program. GSA Committee Chairs who completed an initiative under the purview of their role as a committee chair are not eligible.

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**Criteria for Ranking Applications**

- Positive impact on the graduate experience at UCalgary
- Broad impact of the initiative across the university
- Multidisciplinary/collaboration involved in initiative
Application Process

This award is available to individual students or groups of students. Please note that for group applicants, the award will still total $1,000 and is intended to be divided according to level of contribution (see “for group applicants” for details).

Examples of initiatives include, but are not limited to: conferences, symposia, workshops (both academic and non-academic), student journals, wellness seminars, social activities, and community building.

For single student applicants:

Students should submit (1) a maximum 1-page statement outlining the details of the initiative, who has benefitted from the initiative (department, number of students, etc.), and how the initiative has improved the graduate student experience at UCalgary, and (2) one reference letter (max. 2 pages) from someone who is in a position to evaluate the impact of the initiative.

For group applicants:

Each group should submit: (1) a maximum 1-page statement outlining the details of the initiative, who has benefitted from the initiative (department, number of students, etc.), and how the initiative has improved the graduate student experience at UCalgary, (2) one reference letter (max. 2 pages) from someone who is in a position to evaluate the impact of the initiative, and (3) a separate document detailing each group member’s contribution along with their percentage of the total contribution.

NB: Award recipients will be notified by March 31st, 2017. No feedback on applications will be provided.

Deadline

Applications should be submitted in PDF form to Brit Paris, at britney.paris@ucalgary.ca by 11:59p.m. MST on April 7, 2017.