Graduate Students' Association
Emerging Leader Award
Terms of Reference • 2017-2018 Academic Year

Application Intake: January 22 to February 5, 2018
Fall Intake Deadline: Monday, February 5, 2018 11:59 PM MT

Submit applications online
Applications received outside of the intake period will NOT be evaluated.
Late applications will NOT be evaluated.

This document is to be made public on the GSA’s website.
Any questions or concerns should be directed to the GSA VP Academic.

Purpose
This scholarship was established by the Graduate Students’ Association of the University of Calgary (GSA) in recognition of newly admitted students who have demonstrated outstanding academic and leadership potential, and involvement in the university community within the first year of their studies.

Value
One (1) $2000 award.

Eligibility
• Applicants
  ○ Must be a full- or part-time graduate student at the University of Calgary for the 2017/2018 academic year, and
  ○ Must have been admitted to their first graduate program at the University of Calgary starting no earlier than May 1, 2017.
Documents Required

- Most recent University of Calgary transcript.
- Admission letter to the University of Calgary that includes their program start date.
- A CV highlighting leadership and volunteer contributions.
- A one (1) page statement outlining contributions to the university community and/or the Calgary community since the start of your program. This statement must describe the impact the applicant’s leadership work has had on graduate students and the graduate student body.
- Two reference letters supporting the applicant’s leadership experience and involvement in the University of Calgary graduate student community.

Submission Requirements

- Completed applications MUST be submitted online.
- Applications MUST be a single PDF file.
- Applications MUST be written and signed in English.

Selection Criteria

Applicants must meet eligibility and submission requirements as described above. All eligible applications submitted on time will be assessed using the following criteria:

- **Academic excellence** as demonstrated by transcripts, awards and distinctions.
- **Leadership** (potential and demonstrated ability) as demonstrated by the candidate’s personal statement, reference letters, and CV. Leadership may include (but is not limited to) the following qualities:
  - Personal achievements,
  - Collaboration and communication skills,
  - Volunteerism and community outreach, and
  - Contributions to the University of Calgary Graduate Community.

This list is not intended to include all possible categories and is provided for guidance only.

Nomination Process

- The applications will be anonymized by GSA staff.
- The Board will evaluate applications based on the selection criteria stated above.
- The winner will be announced at the GSA Awards Gala (April 2018).
- The top five (5) applicants will be invited to the Awards Gala.
- All applicants will be notified of the results prior to the Awards Gala.

Additional Regulations

The GSA VP Academic is committed to answering questions regarding this award when possible. Questions that arrive less than 48 hours before the deadline may not be answered.