

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Donor: Athabasca University
Value: \$3,000
Number: Ten

Description of the Award

Awarded to current Athabasca University graduate program students who have achieved an AU graduate degree program Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.60 or higher and have completed at least 15 AU credits in the AU graduate program in which the student is enrolled. Preference will be given to applicants who have the potential to make a significant contribution to the research in their area of study. Students are only eligible to receive this award once while completing their graduate program.

Conditions of Eligibility

An applicant must meet the following criteria to be eligible to apply for this award:

- Current AU graduate degree program student
- Completed at least 15 AU credits applicable to their graduate program
- AU graduate program GPA of 3.60 or higher
- Have not previously received this award
- Submission of the fully completed application form and required reference letter to the Student Awards Unit.

The following constitutes a complete application:

- Submit your application here: Student Awards Application System Or navigate back to award listing to submit.
- Receipt of Reference letter as instructed in section D of this application form.

Application Submission Deadline

October 15th

Please do not use your browser to complete this form as the data may not save correctly. Prior to completion, download and save the form as an Adobe PDF file to your computer. Open the file using Adobe Reader to complete, save then close the form. Prior to submission, re-open the form and review all of your entries before submitting it through the Student Awards Application System portal as instructed above. To download the latest version of Adobe Reader visit the Adobe Website

Award Notification

Successful applicants should expect to be notified within one month of the selection committee convening to choose the recipients.

Questions?

Visit the Athabasca University Awards website located at: <http://www.athabascau.ca/registrar/studawrds.php>
Email your inquiries to: awardsinfo@athabascau.ca or call toll free: 1-800-788-9041, extension 6197 or 780-675-6197.



APPLICATION FORM FOR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Before completing this application form, please ensure that you meet all the eligibility criteria and that you can demonstrate the qualities of the selection criteria.

A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Athabasca University Student Identification Number:

Social Insurance Number:

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Mailing Address:

Mailing Address 2:

City:

Province:

Postal Code:

Country:

Primary Telephone Number:

Alternate Telephone Number:

Email Address:

B. CURRENT POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION INFORMATION

Complete the information requested below. Information will be verified with your student record, and other sources, if required.

In which graduate program are you enrolled?

How many AU credits have you earned to date in the graduate degree program?

What is your graduate program GPA? (Go to MyAU portal, click on "Request Transcript", then click on "Preview" to view your GPA)



C. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Using non-technical language, please respond to the following:

What is the title of your research thesis or project?

Briefly explain why you have chosen your area of research? Why is it important, or significant, to your field of study?

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Provide background about your research including the objectives, proposed methodology, and references.

How will the specific research described above contribute to your long-term research program?

List your publications (refereed journals, book chapters, books or other scientific documents):

Name of Article, Journal or Book	Year of Publication	Author(s) Names
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Provide a list of your non-refereed research contributions. **Examples:** MBA project submitted to, and evaluated by, MBA coach or supervisor; news articles or educational articles for your discipline:

Research Item	Description (title or summary, etc.)	Year of submission/publication
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

Have you presented or disseminated your research at a conference, workshop or symposium? If yes, please provide details, including title of presentation, name of event, when and where.



D. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

This award requires a written reference letter from a Referee of your choice. The link below requires an AU student ID number to access. You will be asked to supply the award name, the Referee's first and last name, email address, phone number and type of relationship to you, i.e., academic, personal or professional etc. When submitted, our system will send your referee an email with appropriate instructions for them to complete the referee process including the reference letter document upload.

To access the Letter of Recommendation form, please navigate back to the award listing click here: Excellence in Research Scholarship

You are strongly encouraged to alert your referee to the request that will be forthcoming. The AU Student Awards Office will not follow up on reference letter requests that are not completed.

The reference letter must be received by the application deadline date. A missing reference letter will disqualify you.

E. REQUIRED CERTIFICATION AND RELEASE

I certify that the information provided in this application and in the accompanying documentation is true, accurate and complete. I authorize the provision of any information held or to be held by Athabasca University, and others relating to my application, including but not limited to personal evaluations and transcripts, to the Student Awards Unit of Athabasca University and the Selection Committee chosen for this scholarship. I understand and accept that: (1) such information will be used by the Student Awards Unit and the awards selection committee of Athabasca University for the purposes of selection, for statistical analysis, and to facilitate ongoing administrative correspondence with applicants, necessary to further the objective of the Athabasca University Student Awards Program and to improve selection process; (2) the Athabasca University will not release application evaluation or the results of the evaluation process, except to inform me if my application has been accepted for an award; and (3) for all questions regarding my personal information held on file by the Athabasca University, including updates thereof, I may reach an Athabasca University representative through the contact information provided within this award package; and (4) if my application is selected for this award, I authorize the publication of my name and the name of the award received on the Athabasca University website and in reports to governing bodies of Athabasca University. I understand that should my application be selected for this award, I am subject to the reporting obligations of the Canada Revenue Agency regarding scholarships, fellowships, bursaries, study grants, and artists project grants. Finally, if my application is selected for this award, I will: (1) provide a thank you letter to the Student Awards Unit of Athabasca University to be forwarded to the donor of the award and (2) agree to a request for a photo opportunity should one be forthcoming.

Name of Applicant:

Date:

Your personal information is collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.A. 2000, c. F-25 and the *Post-Secondary Learning Act*, S.A. 2003, c. P-19.5.