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GRADUATE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS (GES)

Valued at \$10,000.00 each, these awards are available to full-time* students who are entering a Master's or Doctoral program at the University of Northern British Columbia for the first time who have not previously held a Graduate Entrance Scholarship. Consideration is based on academic excellence (graduate admission GPA of 4.00 or greater).

*Applicants/students in the MBA Program are not eligible to apply for this scholarship as the MBA Program is offered on a weekend delivery basis and is not considered full-time for the purposes of this scholarship.

Instructions

STEP 1 - Apply for graduate admission by via www.unbc.ca/apply: December 15 (for September or May start)
May 1 (for January start)

STEP 2 - Complete the GES application form, and submit it to the Awards and Financial Aid Unit along with your Research/Study Goals Statement* via one (1) of the following methods by the above deadline:

- a) Scan/email to awards@unbc.ca, OR
- b) Fax to 250-960-5604, OR
- c) Mail/courier using the address at the top of this page.

* Applications submitted without a Research/Study Goals Statement will be disqualified. For more detailed information on what a Research/Study Goals Statement should include, please see the next page.

Renewal

These awards are renewable at the Master's level for up to one additional consecutive year, and at the Doctoral level for up to two additional consecutive years, provided that the recipient maintains academic excellence and receives a satisfactory Progress Report. Canadian citizens and those with permanent residence status must also apply for a competitive provincial or national scholarship (NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR, PICS, Graduate Fellowships up to \$18,000, National Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research, NSERC IPS) during their first year of study if not already holding one. Generally an award of greater than \$15,000 would qualify as a competitive award.

Additional Awards

Please note that this application is award-specific. To be considered for other UNBC Graduate Awards or General Awards you must complete a separate awards application. Visit www.unbc.ca/financial-aid for more information.

The deadline to submit GES Application to the UNBC Awards and Financial Aid Unit:

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Research/Study Goals Statement (Maximum Length = 2 Pages)

A research/study goals statement is a short document that provides a brief history of your past research experience, the current state of your research, and the future work you intend to complete.

The research statement may be similar to the statement of academic interests provided with your application for admission to UNBC. It is, however, important to remember that for the purposes of this award consideration, it is the primary way for UNBC's GES Review Committee to evaluate award applications and make its recommendations.

Your statement should start by articulating the broader field that you are working within and the larger question or questions that you are interested in answering. It should then move to articulate your specific interest.

A Research/Study Goals Statement should always include the following:

- Your specific area of interest (i.e. the research topic you want to work on)
- How your past education and other experiences have prepared you to be successful in the graduate program
- What you hope to achieve in your graduate program
- Why this particular program at UNBC is the best place for you to pursue your interests
- Include the name of your proposed academic supervisor and how s/he is the best 'fit' for your research and the person most suited to helping you achieve your research goals

Other tips for a strong Research/Study Goals Statement:

- State any work you have done in this area already (mention specific skills/techniques you have picked up).
- Connect your area of interest to work being done in the program (mention specific faculty members and projects).
- Refer to academic publications that have informed your interest (ensure that these are properly cited in a footnote).
- Mention any publications, presentations or conferences you have been a part of.

*Please note that supervisors/potential supervisors may be contacted for further information or clarification as part of the GES adjudication process.

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APPLICATION FORM GRADUATE ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP (GES)

Name _____
Surname Given Name(s)

Address _____
Street City Province Postal Code

Telephone Number: () _____ - _____ E-Mail Address _____

UNBC Program you have applied for: _____

Starting Semester (Check the One Applicable to your Program):
[] September
[] January
[] May

UNBC Student ID (If Known, If Not Known Leave Blank): _____ (9 Digits)

DECLARATION: I hereby declare that the information submitted in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Should I be granted an award, I agree to the release of my name, city of residence, faculty/program, photograph and amount received for publication purposes. Furthermore, I agree that the University of Northern British Columbia has first claim to any monies awarded, and I understand that award proceeds will be credited to my UNBC student/tuition account. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the Awards and Financial Aid Unit, University of Northern British Columbia, 250-960-6319.

Signature

Date

MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE ...

- This application form – signed and dated
- Your Research/Study Goals Statement

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