

# AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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## 1. APPLICATION FOR AWARDS

### a. Introduction

These guidelines are intended to ensure consistency and equity in the administration of awards and financial aid. The guidelines also assist students in developing an argument to defer or appeal an award decision. The Student Awards Committee is at liberty to set these guidelines aside when extenuating circumstances arise.

### b. Eligibility

#### 1. Application and Application Deadlines

To be eligible for awards and scholarships, application forms must be completed and received in the appropriate office, either the School of Graduate Studies or Scholarships and Student Finance no later than the designated date and time (if indicated). Only in circumstances that are substantially beyond the student's control will an appeal be considered for an application submitted after the stated deadline date. When the deadline falls on a holiday or weekend, applications will be accepted until closing the next business day.

Successful applicants will be notified as soon as possible following the deadline.

When no application is required, the award is made automatically on the basis of academic achievement.

When an award recipient is to be nominated and no nomination is received; where appropriate, the University reserves the right to make a selection based on academic achievement.

#### 2. Tenure of Awards

Scholarships administered by the University of Lethbridge are available only to those students pursuing University of Lethbridge programs. All awards are contingent upon students proceeding with their University program in the next academic session and are payable only when the student is registered in a program at the University of Lethbridge.

Exceptions to this requirement are:

- a. **Part-time Awards** - If an award has been granted to a part-time student, the award will be payable when the student is in actual attendance at the University of Lethbridge.

If a student withdraws from full-time studies after having received a payment for an award, unpaid balances of awards outstanding are forfeited.

#### 3. Payment of Awards

- a. **Replacement** - Any award administered by the University of Lethbridge is subject to replacement by an award of equal or greater value.
- b. **Payment Schedule** - Awards may be paid out in monthly installments or in two or three installments (one per semester).
- c. **Students Graduating Early** - If the award is paid in two payments, the student must be registered in all applicable semesters. However, students who graduate early may receive future payment upon written request to the Graduate Award Advisor.
- d. **Deductions** - The University may deduct from award payments any funds owed to the University.
- e. According to Canadian Tax regulations all financial awards granted to a student may be considered taxable income. Students will receive a T4A information slip for awards paid to them in the calendar year (January - December).

#### 4. Interruption of Program with Approved Leave of Absence

All graduate award holders must maintain continuous registration during the tenure of their award. Students may interrupt their award only for the reasons of maternity, child rearing, illness, or health-related family responsibilities. Requests for a leave of absence must be approved by both the supervisory committee and the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies, and may require additional documentation.

#### 5. Returning After an Approved Leave of Absence

Students who return after an approved leave of absence shall be considered for University of Lethbridge awards; subject to the rules guiding graduate awards.

To re-instate award payments following an interruption or leave of absence, award holders must notify the Graduate Award Advisor of their planned return six weeks prior to their return to their program. Every effort will be made to re-instate the same award or a replacement award of equal value.

#### 6. Posthumous Awards

Financial awards will not be disbursed posthumously.

#### 7. Letters of Appreciation

Where a donor contact is available, award recipients will be expected to write a letter of appreciation to the donor.

### c. Measuring Academic Performance for Scholarship Purposes

#### 1. Academic Records

Complete academic records from all applicable institutions may be considered for measurement of academic achievement.

### d. Disclaimer

Since the University of Lethbridge Calendar is published a considerable time before the beginning of the academic year, the University reserves the right to make whatever changes circumstances may require, including cancellation of particular awards or changes to the minimum grade point average required for awards.

### e. Definition of Terms

**Note:** Award is used generically throughout to describe non-repayable financial support.

1. **Academic Medals** - Academic medals are awarded to students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement while attending the University of Lethbridge. Medals are presented at Spring Convocation and all students who have graduated, that spring, or since the previous fall Convocation are considered for medals. Students receiving academic medals are nominated by their supervisors. (See Medals listed on **page 214**.)

2. **Award** - An award is non-repayable financial support provided to a student who demonstrates academic achievement and/or meets additional defined criteria. These criteria may include

participation in extracurricular activities, demonstrated leadership, contribution to the campus community and/or the local community, and financial need.

3. **Award Grade Point Average (GPA)** - For award purposes, the award GPA is generally but not always calculated on the previous two academic years with the exception of Audit and Credit/Non-Credit course designation.

4. **Bursary** - A bursary is non-repayable financial support provided to a student who demonstrates financial need and who is in good standing academically.

5. **Deferral** - A deferral is a postponement of a payment of an award, scholarship, or bursary until the student is registered full-time in a graduate program at the University of Lethbridge.

6. **Fellowship** - A fellowship is merit-based, non-repayable financial support provided to a graduate student enrolled in a Thesis-based program.

7. **Prize** - A prize is awarded for outstanding achievement in a course or a set of courses. A prize may be monetary or a gift-in-kind.

8. **Scholarship** - A scholarship is non-repayable financial support provided to a student primarily on the basis of academic achievement. Additional defined eligibility or criteria may include program, year of program, major, demonstrated leadership or artistic excellence.

9. **Service Award** - A service award is for students in good academic standing who have demonstrated excellence in a range of non-academic fields, such as community service, student leadership, volunteerism and athletic or artistic performance.

### 2. ENTRANCE AWARDS

These awards are typically for students entering a graduate program at the University for the first time and for those without previous participation in a graduate program at that degree level.

### 3. ENTRANCE OR CONTINUING AWARDS

These awards are typically for students continuing in a graduate program at the University for the first time and, for those without previous participation in a graduate program at that degree level. Students are not on extensions beyond the time of the graduate program (24 months at full time for master's; 48 full time months for doctoral).

TITLE AND DONOR	VALUE AND NUMBER	ELIGIBILITY	CRITERIA	APPLICATION
<p><b>Nexen Fellowship in Water Research</b> (Nexen Inc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nexen Inc. has chosen to create this endowment to help address one of the world's most pressing issues—water resources. These prestigious fellowships will be used to help attract and retain top graduate students to conduct scientific research in water-related initiatives</li> </ul>	<p>Value: \$15,000 for Ph.D. \$5,000 for Master's Number: Variable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering or continuing full-time students conducting water-related research in the following thesis-based graduate programs: M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D.</li> <li>Master's students declaring water-related research after admission are eligible to apply</li> <li>Graduate student recipients are eligible to apply for a second year and awards will be based on funding availability and academic achievement</li> <li>Doctorate student recipients will have funding automatically renewed for a second year, upon confirmation that the appropriate academic standards and levels of achievement have been met</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement (based on GPA and content of application documents)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 15</li> <li>Application and two letters of academic reference, one of which must come from the student's program supervisor, and a statement of intended research and its social and scholarly value</li> <li>Application submitted to the School of Graduate Studies</li> </ul>
<p><b>School of Graduate Studies Fellowship</b> (School of Graduate Studies)</p>	<p>Value: \$15,000 (three equal payments) Number: Variable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering a full-time M.A., M.Sc., or Ph.D. Thesis-based program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> <li>Research record</li> <li>Potential for contribution in respective field of study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 2 for students admitted in the calendar year (January, May, and September)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship</b> (Province of Alberta Scholarship Programs)</p>	<p>Value: Up to \$15,000 for Ph.D. Up to \$10,800 for Master's Number: Variable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents</li> <li>Entering a full-time Ph.D. or master's program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superior academic achievement</li> <li>Good standing with Alberta Students Finance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students accepted into a Ph.D. or master's program are considered automatically</li> </ul>
<p><b>Arthur J.E. Child Award in Economics, English, and History</b> (Arthur J.E. Child Foundation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arthur James Edward Child (1910-1996), former chairman and chief executive officer of Burns Foods, was named an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1985. He co-founded the Canada West Foundation and had philanthropic commitments that spanned a great breadth of activities</li> </ul>	<p>Value: One at \$10,000 or two at \$5,000 for each of the three majors: Economics, English, and History. (Total value: \$30,000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing undergraduate or graduate students with a major in Economics, English, or History</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> <li>Financial need</li> <li>Community involvement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1</li> <li>Departments of Economics, English, and History will nominate from eligible applicants</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Métis Scholar Award</b> (Métis Education Foundation and U of L)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established to help alleviate financial need and to encourage post-secondary achievement on the part of Métis students studying at the U of L</li> </ul>	<p>Value: \$10,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full-time continuing in any graduate degree program</li> <li>Canadian citizen</li> <li>Métis heritage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demonstrated financial need</li> <li>Minimum GPA of 3.00 and satisfactory performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>October 31</li> <li>Statement of experience with the Métis community</li> <li>Cannot be receiving funding from Rupertsland Institute – Métis Training to Employment Services</li> </ul>
<p><b>Margaret Elliot McNally (Thomson) Graduate Studies Scholarship</b> (Dr. Ed McNally)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>U of L honorary degree recipient Dr. Ed McNally established this award to encourage nursing students to pursue graduate studies</li> </ul>	<p>Value: Up to \$5,000 Number: Variable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full-time students enrolled in the M.Sc. (Nursing) or M.N. programs</li> <li>Preference given to entering students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not required</li> </ul>
<p><b>University of Lethbridge Graduate Scholarship</b> (U of L)</p>	<p>Value: \$1,500 to \$5,000 Number: Variable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total amount to be awarded in one year is not to exceed \$5,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering a full-time M.Ed. program</li> <li>Full-time status in the M.Ed. program in the fall and spring semesters during tenure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superior academic achievement in the equivalent of the last two years of study as evidenced at the time of consideration for the award</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not required</li> </ul>
<p><b>25th Anniversary M.A. or M.Sc. Scholarship</b> (U of L)</p>	<p>Value: \$2,500</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admission to the U of L M.A. or M.Sc. program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superior academic achievement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not required</li> <li>All students accepted into the eligible programs are considered automatically</li> </ul>
<p><b>F.W. Hess and Family Award</b> (Dr. M.P. Hess)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Hess, a former U of L Senator (1985 to 1991) and honorary degree recipient (2004) encourages an understanding and respect of our water resources and the environment</li> </ul>	<p>Value: \$2,400 Number: Variable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada</li> <li>Enrolled in any master's or Ph.D. program</li> <li>Course of study must relate to the environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement (based on GPA and content of admission application documents)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 1</li> <li>Application must include a statement explaining the relevance of the topic of study to the cultural, historic, physical or social environment, the intended research and its social and scholarly value</li> <li>Selected by School of Graduate Studies committee</li> </ul>
<p><b>Faculty of Fine Arts Graduate Studies Entrance Award</b> (School of Graduate Studies)</p>	<p>Value: Up to \$2,000 Number: Variable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering a M.F.A. or M.Mus. program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not required</li> <li>All students accepted into the eligible programs are considered automatically</li> </ul>

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<b>Master of Arts Admission Scholarship</b> (School of Graduate Studies/ Coca-Cola Company)	Value: \$2,000 Number: Up to three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering a full-time, M.A. Thesis-based program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> <li>Minimum admission average of 3.50 GPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students accepted into a full-time, M.A. Thesis-based program are considered automatically</li> </ul>
<b>Master of Counselling Scholarship</b> (Faculty of Education)	Value: \$2,000 Number: Six (three for second year, three for third year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successful completion of a minimum 12 credit hours for second year standing or 24 credit hours for third year standing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not required</li> <li>Nominated by Faculty of Education</li> <li>May receive award once at each year level of studies</li> </ul>
<b>Master of Science Admission Scholarship</b> (School of Graduate Studies/ Coca-Cola Company)	Value: \$2,000 Number: Up to two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering a full-time, M.Sc. Thesis-based program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> <li>Minimum admission average of 3.50 GPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students accepted into a full-time, M.Sc. Thesis-based program are considered automatically</li> </ul>
<b>Martin Oordt Scholarship</b> (The Melliorist Publishing Society) • <i>Martin Oordt is a U of L Professor Emeritus and is largely responsible for the birth of The Melliorist</i>	Value: \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students enrolled in Arts and Science or Education programs with a declared major in English</li> <li>Graduate students may also be considered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement (minimum GPA of 3.00)</li> <li>A proven interest in creative writing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1</li> </ul>
<b>Ph.D. Admission Scholarship</b> (School of Graduate Studies/ Coca-Cola Company)	Value: \$2,000 Number: One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering a full-time, Ph.D. Thesis-based program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> <li>Minimum admission average of 3.75 GPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students accepted into a full-time, Ph.D. Thesis-based program are considered automatically</li> </ul>
<b>Derrick and Lytta Pereira Management Prize</b> (Anil Pereira '87 & Sheryl (Turnbull) Pereira '87)	Value: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admission to the M.Sc. (Management) program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellence as demonstrated on the Application for Admission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not required</li> </ul>
<b>LaValley Graduate Studies Award</b> (Cindy LaValley) • <i>Established by U of L alumnus Cindy LaValley as a tribute to her parents, Mona and Stanley LaValley, who viewed access to education as an important pathway to success</i>	Value: \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students entering or continuing any full- or part-time graduate studies program</li> <li>Must reside in, or have just moved from, a rural or small town community in southern Alberta prior to starting at the U of L</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> <li>Financial need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1</li> </ul>

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<b>Profiling Alberta's Graduate Students Award</b> (Alberta Scholarships Program)	Value: \$1,500 minimum Number: Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time graduate students registered in a Thesis-based master's or doctoral program</li> <li>• Canadian citizens or permanent residence living in Alberta</li> <li>• Preference given to second-year master's and third- or fourth-year Ph.D. students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of student research at important or major national and/or international conferences</li> <li>• Must be registered full-time at the time of the conference</li> <li>• Must be in good standing academically in a graduate program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required; submitted to School of Graduate Studies</li> <li>• Must apply for the award prior to departure for conference</li> <li>• Normally, one award during the tenure of a student's program</li> </ul>
<b>Alberta Society of Professional Biologists Scholarship</b> (Alberta Society of Professional Biologists) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Society's purpose is to protect the interests of the public and to enhance the professional status of biologists in the province of Alberta</i></li> </ul>	Value: \$2,500 (or two at \$1,250)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing graduate (master's or Ph.D.) students in Biological Sciences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement</li> <li>• Excellence in biological research</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not required</li> <li>• ASPB will provide finances for travel, lodging, and meals for recipients to present research to ASPB members. Request for poster, abstract or summary be sent to ASPB</li> </ul>
<b>John Farwell Memorial Award</b> (Family of John Farwell) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>In memory of John Farwell, a U of L faculty member in Theatre and Dramatic Arts, from 2003 to 2008. Established by his family in support of drama students</i></li> </ul>	Value: \$1,000 Number: Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entering M.F.A. Theatre and Dramatic Arts with an interest in design</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not required</li> <li>• Nominated by Department of Theatre and Dramatic Arts</li> </ul>
<b>First Nations Graduate Programs in Education Entrance Scholarship</b> (Faculty of Education)	Value: \$1,000 (GPA); \$1,500 (GPA and financial need) Number: Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entering part-time or full-time students in any Faculty of Education master's program</li> <li>• First Nations, Métis, or Inuit ancestry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One award: academic achievement</li> <li>• One award: academic achievement and financial need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 1</li> </ul>
<b>Tooker Gomberg Graduate Award</b> (Dr. Anthony Hall) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Established through a gift from Dr. Tony Hall in honour of Tooker Gomberg. Mr. Gomberg was a politician and environmental activist, who was often controversial. He founded one of Canada's first curbside recycling programs</i></li> </ul>	Value: \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduate students in a Master of Arts program with any Humanities or Social Sciences major</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most adeptly engages public controversy to advance the public good as demonstrated in the application</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 15</li> <li>• Must submit an accepted Thesis proposal or interim abstract of Thesis and statement of public engagement activities</li> </ul>
<b>Graduate Programs in Education Entrance Scholarship</b> (Faculty of Education)	Value: \$1,000 Number: Varies One each for: M.Ed. General; M.Ed. Educational Leadership; M.Ed. Counselling Psychology; Master of Counselling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entering part-time or full-time students in any Faculty of Education master's program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not required</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Supporting Our Students Award</b> (The University Community)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generous contributions from the University community, including faculty, staff, retirees, Board of Governors, Senate members, alumni, and other friends of the U of L, established this award to support U of L students</li> </ul>	<p>Value: \$1,000 Number: Variable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full or part-time students entering or continuing any U of L graduate degree program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> <li>Financial need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1</li> </ul>
<p><b>Jacoba VandenBrink Award</b> (Martin and Sonya Grympa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jacoba VandenBrink immigrated to rural Alberta from Holland. Her vision was to provide a better life for her 13 children. She exemplified the notion of leadership by service to others</li> </ul>	<p>Value: \$1,000 Number: Two, one entrance and one continuing award</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be entering or continuing in a M.A. (Nursing, M.Sc. (Nursing), or M.N. program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> <li>Demonstrated volunteer service or other community involvement</li> <li>Preference to demonstrated financial need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1</li> </ul>
<p><b>Women Scholars Award</b> (U of L Women Scholars)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This award was established through gifts from members of the U of L Women Scholars and underlines the importance of exploring gender issues</li> </ul>	<p>Value: \$1,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entering, returning after an absence, or continuing graduate students who are studying part-time or full-time</li> <li>Students conducting research on gender issues or female students studying in a non-traditional discipline</li> <li>Preference to single parents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement; minimum GPA of 3.50 for entering students or satisfactory progress and standing in the graduate program for continuing students</li> <li>Preference to demonstrated financial need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 1</li> <li>Submit a brief statement of exploration of gender issues and summary describing eligibility for the award</li> </ul>
<p><b>Research Dissemination Award</b> (School of Graduate Studies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established to showcase U of L national and/or international achievements</li> </ul>	<p>Value: Up to \$1,000 Number: Varies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full-time M.A. or M.Sc. students in the second-year of study or full-time Ph.D. students in the third- or fourth-year of study</li> <li>Priority is given to international students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must be first author or presenter at a nationally or internationally recognized conference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must apply for the award prior to departure for conference</li> <li>Submitted to the School of Graduate Studies</li> <li>Award is a reimbursement only after the conference presentation</li> <li>Normally, one award during the tenure of a student's program</li> </ul>
<p><b>Archaeological Society of Alberta (Lethbridge) Scholarship</b> (Archaeological Society of Alberta, Lethbridge Centre)</p>	<p>Value: \$500</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be entering or continuing in a graduate program with a major in Archaeology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academic achievement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not required</li> </ul>

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<b>Graduate Students' Association Travel Award</b> (Graduate Students' Association)	<i>Value:</i> Up to \$500 (Award not to exceed travel costs, accommodation, and registration fees minus other travel grants received)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time graduate students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presenting at an internationally recognized conference</li> <li>• Must be admitted to graduate program at the U of L prior to the conference</li> <li>• Financial need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must apply for the award prior to departure for conference</li> <li>• May receive award once per degree</li> </ul>
<b>Master of Science (Management) Bursary - Peter &amp; Helen Kelley</b> (Peter and Helen Kelley)	<i>Value:</i> \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Entering or continuing students enrolled in a M.Sc. (Management) program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 1</li> </ul>
<b>Political Science Graduate Studies Award</b> (Alan Siaroff)	<i>Value:</i> \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduating students or B.A. degree holders (from the U of L) with a major in Political Science intending to pursue graduate studies in Political Science, Public Administration, Public Policy, or related field at any graduate school</li> <li>• Preference to recent grads (within three years of B.A. completion)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement (minimum GPA of 3.30)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not required</li> <li>• Nominated by the Department of Political Science</li> </ul>
<b>Dr. James D. Tagg History and Citizenship Award</b> (Czechoslovak Canadian Cultural Society of Southern Alberta, and friends) <i>• Dr. James D. Tagg taught American History at the U of L from 1969 to 2003. As a highly respected teacher and scholar, Dr. Tagg believes that educated persons have a duty to engage in the support and improvement of the communities in which they find themselves</i>	<i>Value:</i> \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing undergraduate or graduate students majoring in History</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement</li> <li>• Community involvement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 1</li> <li>• Nominated by the Department of History</li> </ul>
<b>Chinook Chemistry and Biochemistry Prizes</b> (Faculty/Staff in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry) <i>• Leading-edge research involving students is a hallmark of the U of L. This prize is to recognize the significant contributions our students make in research</i>	<i>Value:</i> \$300 for first prize \$100 for second prize <i>Number:</i> Four first prizes Four second prizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undergraduate and graduate students, performing original research during the 12 months preceding the deadline for abstracts, supervised or co-supervised by a member of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion and participation in the Chinook Symposium poster competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not required</li> <li>• Nominated by the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry</li> </ul>



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<b>M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D. Bursary</b> (School of Graduate Studies/ Coca-Cola Company)	<i>Value:</i> \$250 up to a maximum \$1,000 <i>Number:</i> Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time M.A. and M.Sc. students enrolled in a Thesis-based, two-year program and full time Ph.D. students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial need</li> <li>• Satisfactory status in the program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required, at time of need</li> <li>• Documentation to support demonstrated need must accompany application</li> <li>• Students can access this bursary twice and combined award total cannot exceed \$1,000</li> </ul>
<b>Biology Graduate Research Symposium Prize for Research Achievement</b> (Faculty/Staff in the Department of Biological Science) <i>• Novel research involving graduate or undergraduate students is a hallmark of the U of L. This prize is to recognize the significant contributions our students make in research</i>	<i>Value:</i> \$200 for first prize \$100 for second prize <i>Number:</i> Two first prizes (one poster, one oral presentation) Two second prizes (one poster, one oral presentation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current students in a B.Sc., M.Sc., or Ph.D. program</li> <li>• Performing original research</li> <li>• Co-supervised by a member in the Department of Biological Sciences</li> <li>• Participation in the annual Biology Graduate Research Symposium</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best symposium presentation (oral or poster)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not required</li> <li>• Symposium judges determine prizes</li> </ul>
<b>Society of Edmonton Demographers Scholarship</b> (Society of Edmonton Demographers)	<i>Value:</i> \$2,000 <i>Number:</i> Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register in a full time master's or doctoral program</li> <li>• Research in the field of demography and population studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement (minimum GPA 3.50)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 15</li> </ul>
<b>Parkland Institute Award</b> <i>• Aims to encourage public policy research, broadly defined, and advance training of graduate students from all Faculties.</i>	<i>Value:</i> \$5,000 <i>Number:</i> One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full-time graduate students registered in a master's or doctoral program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement</li> <li>• Minimum admission average of 3.50 GPA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 31</li> </ul>
<b>School of Graduate Studies Dean's Scholarship</b> (School of Graduate Studies)	<i>Value:</i> \$10,000 <i>Number:</i> Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full time master's or Ph.D. within the Faculty of Arts and Science, Fine Arts, and Health Sciences</li> <li>• No more than 24 (master's) / 48 (Ph.D.) months completed</li> <li>• Cannot be held concurrently with other awards equal/greater than \$10,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement (GPA 3.70)</li> <li>• Renewal is contingent upon maintaining GPA eligibility and satisfactory progress and standing in the graduate program</li> <li>• Must apply for external funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not required</li> <li>• All students accepted into the eligible programs are considered automatically</li> <li>• Administered by the School of Graduate Studies</li> </ul>

## Academic Medals

TITLE AND DONOR	VALUE AND NUMBER	ELIGIBILITY	CRITERIA	APPLICATION
<b>School of Graduate Studies Tuition Award</b> (School of Graduate Studies)	<i>Value:</i> \$13,000/\$4,000 for International students \$6,000/\$2,000 for Dom/PR students <i>Number:</i> Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full time master's or Ph.D. within the Faculty of Arts and Science, Fine Arts, and Health Sciences</li> <li>• No more than 24 (master's) / 48 (Ph.D.) months completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement (GPA 3.50)</li> <li>• Renewal is contingent upon maintaining GPA eligibility and satisfactory progress and standing in the graduate program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not required</li> <li>• All students accepted into the eligible programs are considered automatically</li> <li>• Administered by the School of Graduate Studies</li> </ul>
<b>Abbondanza Fine Arts</b>	<i>Value:</i> Variable <i>Number:</i> Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full time master's student in a M.F.A. or M.Mus. program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement (GPA 3.50)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not required</li> <li>• Nominated by the M.F.A./M.Mus. Departments</li> </ul>
<b>Dr. Malcolm Greenshields European History Award</b>	<i>Value:</i> \$1,000 <i>Number:</i> Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing undergraduates or graduate students majoring in History</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement</li> <li>• Demonstrated excellence in European History courses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May</li> <li>• Nominated by the History Department</li> </ul>
<b>Michael Chan Prize in Asian Studies</b>	<i>Value:</i> \$1,000 <i>Number:</i> Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing undergraduates or graduate students in any degree program with an Asia-focused or Asia-related research or projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic achievement</li> <li>• Outstanding achievement in a course project or paper on an Asian topic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for submission of a copy of the paper/report will be the final day of classes in the last day of the final summer session</li> <li>• Submission is made to the Coordinator of Asian Studies</li> </ul>

### 5. ACADEMIC MEDALS

<b>School of Graduate Studies Medals of Merit</b> (U of L)	<i>Number:</i> Variable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have completed degree requirements in the current academic year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded to the most distinguished students graduating with a master's or doctoral degree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominated by their Supervisors</li> </ul>
<b>The Gold Medal of the Governor General of Canada</b> (The Governor General of Canada)	<i>Number:</i> One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have completed degree requirements in the current academic year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awarded to the graduating student with the highest academic standing in a graduate-level program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nominated by their Supervisors</li> </ul>

## 6. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Application forms and information for Government Student Financial Assistance Programs are available from Scholarships and Student Finance (AH151, tel. 403-329-2585). General eligibility for full-time assistance is:

- Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident of Canada
- A valid Social Insurance Number
- Study in an approved post-secondary program of at least 12 weeks in length
- Courses must be applied to a recognized degree
- Demonstrated financial need.

Most government financial aid programs are need based. Students apply for the program through a provincial/territorial application form. One application encompasses the Canada Student Loans and Grants program, and Provincial/Territorial Loans and Grants. Scholarships and Student Finance will assist students to determine which application to use. Students must apply to the province/territory which they are considered residents of, not necessarily the province/territory they are attending school in.

The government determines financial need by assessing costs the student will incur for tuition, fees, books and moderate living costs. Savings, part-time earnings, scholarships, assets and parental contributions may be assessed as resources and formulated as to whether a student has need. Students may appeal the outcome of the government needs assessment.

Allow four to eight weeks for an application to be processed. Students are advised to apply before June 1 for fall funding. Students will receive a *Notification of Assessment* with directions on where the loan, grant payments or documents will be sent. Tuition and fees owing will be deducted from the loan payments. **Students are strongly advised to read all applications and documents before signing. Know your rights and responsibilities!**

In semesters when a returning student who has previous government student loans does not take out additional student loans, it is essential the student complete and submit a *Confirmation of Enrolment* form. This will protect the student (interest-free) status of the loan. *Confirmation of Enrolment* forms must be filed for both Canada and Provincial student loans, if both have been previously issued to the student.

General eligibility for part-time financial assistance is the same as full-time assistance. Check with the staff at Scholarships and Student Finance for further details.

Financial assistance programs for students with permanent disabilities are also available. Check with the staff at Scholarships and Student Finance for further details.

The following websites have more information on the Government Financial Assistance Programs for students:

- Alberta residents:  
[studentaid.alberta.ca](http://studentaid.alberta.ca)
- All other provincial/territory links can be accessed from:  
[www.canlearn.ca](http://www.canlearn.ca)
- The University of Lethbridge does not participate in the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) Federal Student Aid programs. Students can receive *Confirmation of Enrolment* for existing USDE issued loans, but cannot access new USDE loans to attend the University of Lethbridge.

### a. Repayment

Students are responsible for repaying their student loans. However, loans are not repayable during periods of full-time studies and for six months after graduation or withdrawal. In certain cases repayment may be deferred for additional periods after the six months' exemption, upon successful application for the Repayment Assistance Program.

### b. Withdrawal While on Government Student Assistance (loans/grants program)

Students must maintain registration to stay eligible for government student assistance. When on full-time government student assistance, a student must remain a full-time student throughout the funded period of study. If a student withdraws or drops below full-time standing, the student may be required to repay some or all funding received. Grant money may be converted to loan money. Students may be restricted from further government student assistance for 12 months. Check with the staff at Scholarships and Student Finance before withdrawing or dropping registration. Part-time funding programs are available for graduate students who are studying part-time.

### c. Emergency Student Loan Fund

The purpose of the fund is to provide temporary assistance to full-time University of Lethbridge students to meet expenses related to an unexpected shortfall in their personal finances or an unanticipated delay in their receipt of financial assistance funding.

An emergency is defined as an unexpected shortfall in finances that has caused an inability to meet the rent payments when due, lack of adequate food supplies, and any other type of expenses related to the necessities of life that cannot be delayed. Students will not receive emergency financial assistance to cover registration deposits, tuition fees, books, fines or debts to other University departments.

Emergency loans are available to assist students experiencing delays in the normal disbursement of their confirmed government student loans or grants. These advances are also available, in extenuating circumstances, to those students ineligible for government financial aid. In such cases, students must have written proof of their ability to repay the loan.

The full policy is available online at [www.uleth.ca/policy/emergency-student-loan-fund](http://www.uleth.ca/policy/emergency-student-loan-fund).

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