GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP BASE FUND TERMS OF REFERENCE

University of Regina

Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

APRIL 2025

ELIGIBILITY:

Qualifications - Holders of these awards are required to be admitted as a **fully-qualified student** in a Master's or Doctoral degree program at the University of Regina. PhD students must have a minimum of a first class average (equivalent to a minimum of 80%) at their previous institution. Masters students must have a minimum of 75% coming into their Masters and must maintain 80% throughout their Master's program.

In Good Standing – Students must hold and maintain a minimum 80% average. An incomplete and/or failing grade from the previous semester's work will render the student ineligible for support. Failure to continue to be fully eligible each semester while holding this scholarship, will require the scholarship to be canceled.

Credit hour restriction – Students who have completed the minimum number of credit hours required for their program are NOT eligible for these funds.

Required – Grad Thrive Plus GRST 801 (previously 800AA) must be completed by the end of the first semester in which a student begins their program, in order to be eligible. Failure to complete GRST 800AA by the end of their first semester will require the scholarship to be discontinued.

Registered full time or part time - Recipients of the UR Graduate Scholarship are required to be registered in the semester in which the funding is to be received and, accordingly, are required to register in no fewer than 3 credit hours of course or thesis work pertaining to their program during the corresponding semester. All awardees are required to be registered by the **5th** day of the first month (January, May, or September) of the semester in which the award is to be paid, in order to meet payroll deadlines.

Program Changes - If a student wishes to change their route or program, the effected departments and faculty must agree on graduate funding. Notification must be made to FGSR at the time of that change.

Employment – There is no restriction on employment while holding this scholarship

Funding Conflicts- Students supported under the *Guaranteed Minimum Funding (GMF)* program are not eligible to receive GSBF funds.

RATES OF SUPPORT:

Each line faculty may determine the number of awards and the amount of each award, subject to the total amount they are allocated from FGSR and the three (3) funding levels, outlined below:

UR Graduate Scholarship (URGS)

URGS: A minimum of \$500 per semester. All payments must be in increments of 5 or 10 dollars.

(For example we will not accept \$551.52 but we will accept \$550 or \$555).

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APPLICATION & ADJUDICATION:

Each line faculty may determine the application and adjudication criteria against which they want to evaluate students, provided the students meet the minimum requirements, as described in this Terms of Reference.

PROCEDURES:

Carry forward – Departments *cannot* carry forward *any* funds to the next fiscal year. After fiscal year end, unspent balances will be returned to FGSR.

Usage – The money in these accounts are to be used only for graduate student scholarships, as noted in this Terms of Reference, and no other purpose.

Notification – Notification will be made to **new** student by FGSR for all **new** students receiving GSBF funding, via an Admission Funding Letter. For **current** students, notification will be made to students via a Banner workflow, initiated by FGSR.

Payroll – Students will receive this scholarship on a semester basis. Each faculty will provide all fully eligible students to FGSR on the template provided so that <u>FGSR can initiate a Banner Workflow</u>. FGSR will request your nominations each semester with the deadline being approximately the third week of May, September and January of each year.

For fiscal year end, <u>all nominations must be submitted to FGSR no later than April 1 of each year</u>, in order to be processed.

All FGSR funding is subject to annual budgetary approval and up to the discretion of the Dean of FGSR.