



ELIGIBILITY:

Qualifications - Holders of these awards are required to be admitted as a **fully-qualified THESIS student** in a Master's or Doctoral degree program at the University of Regina, including MAP's PhD Thesis Project(Research Creation) students. Master's & PhD students must have a minimum of a first class average (equivalent to a minimum of 80%) at their previous institution(if first semester) and continuing students must maintain 80% throughout their 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 801 by the end of their first semester will require the scholarship to be discontinued.

Registered full time or part time - Recipients of the Thesis Only Scholarship (TOS) 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 6 credit hours of course or thesis work pertaining to their program during the corresponding semester. For students having between 3 and 5 credit hours of unfulfilled requirements remaining, this remainder will determine the number of credit hours in which they are obligated to register to qualify for funding. 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. Thesis only programs will be considered. Notification must be made to FGSR at the time of that change.

Holders of Major Awards (value of \$17,500 or over) - Students who are currently holding major awards such as national scholarships, i.e. NSERC, SSHRC or CIHR or equivalent, are **NOT** eligible for TOS funds. **In addition, students supported under the *Guaranteed Minimum Funding (GMF)* program are NOT eligible to receive TOS funds.**

Other Awards – TOS students may only hold other funding up to a maximum of \$17,500. This includes internal University of Regina scholarships & foreign scholarships. Exception: Students are allowed to apply for and hold travel awards.

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



RATES OF SUPPORT:

Each line faculty may determine the number of awards, however the minimum amount that can be given is \$1000 dollars and is subject to the total amount faculties are allocated from FGSR, based on their percentage of full time, thesis only students. . All payments must be in increments of 5 or 10 dollars. For example, we will not pay \$1043.23 but we will pay \$1040 or \$1045.

APPLICATION & ADJUDICATION:

Each line faculty may determine the application and/or 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 thesis scholarships, as noted in this Terms of Reference, and no other purpose.

Notification & Payroll – Faculties must rank their students (ex. #1-10) when they nominate them to FGSR, based on academic standing and leadership. Notification will be made to the student via a Banner Workflow, initiated by FGSR. For fiscal year end, nominations must be submitted to FGSR no later than April 1 of each year, in order to be processed.

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