

Student Awards and Financial Aid

Awards: General Information

The University of Regina supports the creation and distribution of financial awards to recruit and retain the best and brightest students to the University of Regina in recognition of academic accomplishments, community service, personal achievements, and leadership development as well as to assist students who have financial need. The University of Regina offers a wide range of entrance and undergraduate awards either supported by the University of Regina or thanks to the generosity of many individual and corporate donors. For information about individual awards, consult the Student Awards and Financial Aid website at www.uregina.ca/safa. All awards information is subject to change without notice. The amounts of awards are subject to change without notice and subject to the availability of funding.

Inquiries

Inquiries about academic awards should be directed to:

Student Awards and Financial Aid

Administration-Humanities Building, Room 108
University of Regina
Regina, SK S4S 0A2
Tel: 306- 585-4591; Fax: 306- 585-5559
Email: scholarships@uregina.ca
Website: www.uregina.ca/safa

Inquiries about athletic awards should be directed to:

Compliance and Awards Office

Centre for Kinesiology, Health and Sport (CK 173)
University of Regina
Regina, SK S4S 0A2
Tel: 306- 585-4797; Fax: 306- 585-5693
Website: www.reginacougars.com

Application Forms and Deadlines

Application forms and associated deadlines for awards for which students must apply are available on the University's website at www.uregina.ca/safa. There are a number of awards in which no application is required.

Advertised application deadlines are effective at 4:30 p.m. if it is being handed in, or before midnight if submitted online on the date advertised. If a deadline falls on a weekend or statutory holiday, the deadline becomes the next business day.

Types of Awards

The term "award" encompasses five major types:

1. Scholarship: Recognizes exceptional talent/promise or academic excellence, as defined by:
 - A minimum grade of 80% for students entering from secondary school; or
 - A minimum grade point average of 80.00% for current students; or
 - Top academic performance, when an award evaluates students' marks in comparison to their peers. In some cases scholarships may also include non-academic criteria (e.g. financial need, residency, etc.).
 - Scholarships will appear on a student's transcript.
2. Award: An award recognizes achievement or involvement in extra-curricular activities such as sport, student clubs and societies, community service, student government, etc. Students must achieve a minimum grade point average of 65%. Awards will appear on a student's transcript.
3. Bursary: Primarily designed to assist students with financial need. Recipients must be in good academic standing. Bursaries do not appear on a student's transcript.
4. Prize: A prestigious recognition, which may or may not have monetary value. It recognizes academic achievement in a course, cluster of courses, field of study or an academic piece of work, as defined by:
 - A minimum grade point average of 80.00%; or
 - Top academic performance, when an award evaluates students' marks in comparison to their peers; or
 - Talent or promise.
 - Prizes will appear on a student's transcript.
5. Athletic Award: A grant of money to a student who participates in Canadian Inter-University Sport (CIS) competition. These awards are governed by CIS regulations.

Entrance awards are for students who will be attending the University of Regina for the first time.

Continuing awards are for students who have already completed at least one term at the University of Regina.

Awards: General Regulations

1. The University reserves the following rights:
 - to refuse to disclose to an individual personal information that is evaluative or opinion material compiled solely for the purpose of determining the individual's suitability for receipt of an honour or award;
 - to give consideration to fair distribution in the allocation of awards;
 - to withhold an award in any year in which there is no candidate who meets the selection criteria;
 - to cancel and require repayment of an award if the recipient is not registered and/or has not remained registered in the required number of credit hours throughout the term, up to and including the last day of classes. This date is available in Deadlines and Important Dates section of this Calendar or on-line: www.uregina.ca/student/registrar/registration/academic-schedule.html.
2. For awards which require application, students will only be considered for awards for which they have submitted a full and complete application package.
3. Deferrals of awards are typically allowed in the following circumstances:
 - Students attending Université Laval as part of the Baccalauréat en Education program: the award will be deferred to the term of their scheduled return.
 - Students in the GAP Year program are eligible to have automatic university funded entrance scholarships (excluding the UR Circle of Scholars Scholarship) deferred for a maximum of one academic year. The full amount of eligible awards will be deferred if the student attends the following fall. Half of the amount of eligible awards will be deferred if the student chooses to end their Gap Year early and attends in the winter term.
4. The monetary value associated with financial awards funded by the University of Regina is normally restricted to students registered in University of Regina courses or participating in a formal exchange program in which they pay tuition and fees at the University of Regina.
 - Visiting Students and students enrolled in off-campus programs may be eligible to receive financial awards to the maximum value of tuition and fees paid to the University of Regina.
 - Students on a letter of permission from their faculty may be eligible for receipt of awards and will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
 - Special students are not eligible for financial awards.
5. Only University of Regina courses will be used in the calculation of averages for consideration of continuing scholarships, bursaries, awards or prizes.
6. To qualify for an award, a student must normally have removed all incomplete grades, completed deferred examinations, and had any grade changes completed within six weeks following the end of the term.

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7. Receipt of awards is conditional upon the recipient's compliance with all of the terms, conditions, guidelines and regulations as set out in the terms of reference.
8. The maximum amount of internal award funding an undergraduate student can normally receive per academic year is as follows:
 - Student charged at domestic fee assessment rate: \$30,000
 - Student charged at differential fee assessment rate: \$45,000
9. Students may formally request a reconsideration of an award regulation by writing the Director, Enrolment Services c/o Student Awards and Financial Aid office to be accompanied by any required supporting documents.

Course Loads and Calculation of Averages

Admission Average Used For Entrance Awards

For the purposes of administering Entrance Awards, a student's admission average will be used as calculated at the time of admission. High school students who expect to graduate in June and apply during their grade 12 year of high school will be assessed for entrance awards using their early conditional admission average (refer to the Admissions section of this Calendar).

Minimum Course Load Requirements

To be eligible to earn undergraduate awards, a student must be registered in the minimum course load requirement in University of Regina courses as identified in the specific award criteria.

Accommodation on Course Load Requirements for Students with Disabilities

Students registered with the Centre for Student Accessibility (CSA) will be considered eligible at a 20% course reduction from the listed criteria in the award terms of reference. In exceptional cases, the required course loads (for award eligibility) may be reduced further, as determined on a case by case basis. The University reserves the right to adjust award values to reflect the reduced amount paid for tuition and books (by virtue of the reduced course load).

Externally-Administered Awards

University of Regina students may apply for additional scholarships and bursaries that are administered by other organizations. Information on externally-administered awards is posted on the University's website at www.uregina.ca/safa.

Government Student Financial Assistance

The Government of Saskatchewan offers a variety of financial assistance programs available to Saskatchewan residents, including the Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loans Program. This program is delivered jointly by the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan and provides financial assistance to full-time and part-time post-secondary students. Students who apply for a Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan will be automatically considered for most student grants from both the Government of Canada and the Government of Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan residents must apply annually for financial assistance directly through the Saskatchewan Student Services and Program Development Branch, and are encouraged to do so early to ensure timely receipt of funding. For more information about Saskatchewan Student loans, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/student-loans.

Inquiries

For information on the Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loans Program and other available programs, including the student loan handbook, online and paper applications, contact:

Saskatchewan Student Services and Program Development Branch

Ministry of Advanced Education

Tel: 306- 787-5620 (in the Regina area or outside Canada)
1-800-597-8278 (outside Regina)
Email: studentservices@gov.sk.ca
Website: www.saskatchewan.ca/studentloans
For on campus assistance with government financial assistance contact:

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Registration

Recipients of full-time Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loans must be registered in at least 60% of a full course load per term (40% for students with a permanent disability), which for undergraduate students at the University of Regina is 9 credit hours per term (6 credit hours for students with a permanent disability). Students who plan to take courses in the Spring/Summer session should check with Student Awards and Financial Aid to ensure that their chosen combination of courses meets registration requirements. Students who are on a Co-op term are considered full-time. Students must be registered in the required credit hours before the University can complete the confirmation of enrolment section of the student loan document. If a student drops below the full time requirement for their student loan for any given term, Student Awards and Financial Aid will report this information to the appropriate provincial student aid office.

Students who are taking part of their course load at another institution on a letter of permission from their faculty (refer to the Admissions section of this Calendar) must complete a Student Loan Dual Registration form available at www.uregina.ca/safa/forms.

Confirmation of Enrolment/Loan Agreement Forms

Students registered through the University of Regina have their electronic confirmation of enrolment and/or loan agreement forms completed at Student Awards and Financial Aid (Room 108, Administration-Humanities Building).

Students registered through First Nations University of Canada or with a Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan studying through Campion College or Luther College will have their electronic confirmation of enrolment and/or loan agreement forms completed by their college. All out of province loans are confirmed through the University of Regina for Campion College and Luther College students.

University of Regina photo ID or a photo ID driver's license is required to have the completed documents returned to the student.

Under no circumstances can the confirmation of enrolment be completed more than 21 days before the period of study start date or beyond the period of study end date.

Government Student Financial Assistance for Residents of Other Provinces, Territories and the U.S.A.

Students from other provinces, territories and the U.S.A. should seek advice from their home government regarding available financial assistance programs. Links to information on other provincial, territorial and U.S.A. government financial assistance programs may be found at www.uregina.ca/safa/studentassistance.

Confirmation of enrolment and/or loan agreement forms for approved loans from other jurisdictions are completed by Student Awards and Financial Aid. For assistance contact:

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University of Regina Emergency Loans

The purpose of the Emergency Loan fund is to provide assistance to students whose continued education at the University of Regina is at risk because of unexpected financial pressures. Students may apply for a short-term, interest-free emergency loan of up to \$1000 once in their academic career at the University of Regina. Emergency loans must be repaid in the same term that they were borrowed.

For more information on the program, please visit www.uregina.ca/safa/emergency-loans.html. Students should inquire about this program or other emergency assistance programs as follows:

International students	Manager, International Student Success Office (CW 109)
Students of Campion College	Campion College Academic Office (CM 301)
Students of the Faculty of Education	Student Program Centre (ED 354)
Students of the Faculty of Social Work	General Office (ED 456)
Students of First Nations University of Canada	Student Success Services Office, First Nations University of Canada (SI 1031, First Nations University building)
Students of Luther College	Treasurer, Luther College Student Services Office (LC 110)
All other students	Student Awards and Financial Aid (AH 108)