



**UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Graduate Award Competition (GAC)

Student Workshop

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Fall 2024

- **The following award categories are awarded through the annual Graduate Award Competition (GAC):**
 - Izaak Walton Killam Doctoral Scholarships
 - Open Doctoral Scholarships
 - Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships
 - Special Awards
 - Some Indigenous Awards
 - Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship (AGES) – International
 - Cumming School of Medicine (CMS) Awards

- Thesis-based students only
- You must meet the eligibility criteria for **each** award you are applying for:
 - Award terms of reference can be found on the Graduate Award Database: <https://iac01.ucalgary.ca/FGSA/Public/PublicHome.aspx>
 - Terms for the Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarships can be found at: <https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/award-opportunities/alberta-innovates>.
- Killam and Open Doctoral categories require a first-class average in the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent).

At the University of Calgary that is an **average of 3.5 or higher**.

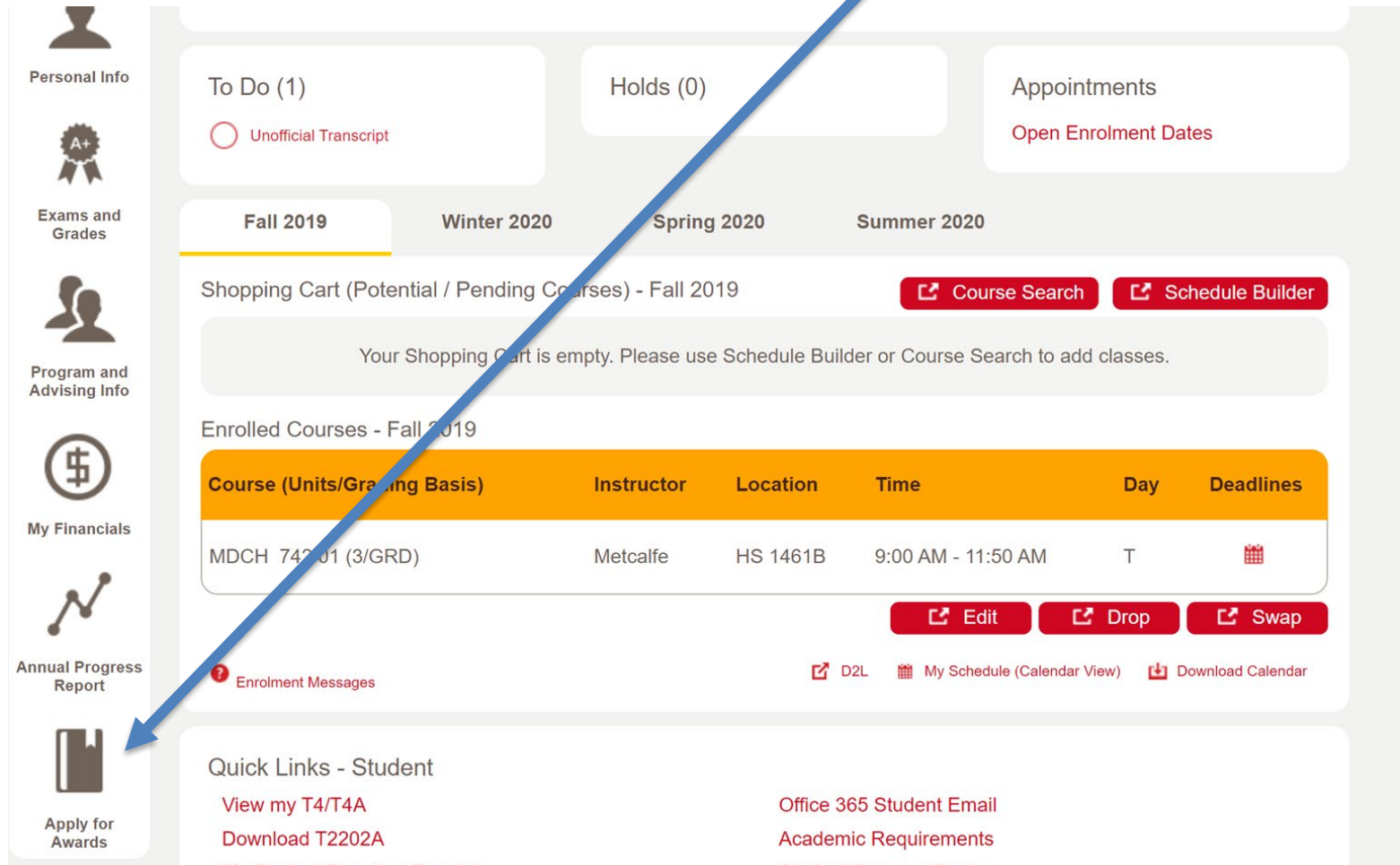
- Applications are submitted electronically through your Student Centre.
- Deadlines vary by program. Contact your Graduate Program Staff.
- You may only submit one application, regardless of the number of programs you may have applied to.
- If you are declined admission, or decline an offer, from the program to which you have submitted your GAC application, contact that program and ask that they return the application to you so that it may be directed to the other program. Communicate with both programs!!

- Killam
 - each graduate program is allocated a certain number of applications to forward
 - Some programs are more transparent than others in this regards (e.g., will inform students that have been forwarded). Please speak with your program in late February/early March if you have not been told either way.
- Open, Special Awards, CMS, and Alberta Innovates
 - All applications are forwarded to the competition, no Program quotas

When will I find out if I am successful?

- Results are expected to be announced as follows:
 - Successful students
 - Izaak Walton Killam – March to April
 - CSM – May to June
 - Open Doctoral – May to October
 - Special Awards – May to October
 - Alberta Innovates – September to December
 - Unsuccessful notices will not be sent, check result schedule posted on the GAC webpage:
<https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/award-opportunities/graduate-award-competition> to see if all results have been announced

my.ucalgary.ca -> Academic -> Student Centre



Personal Info

To Do (1)
Unofficial Transcript

Holds (0)

Appointments
Open Enrolment Dates

Exams and Grades

Fall 2019 Winter 2020 Spring 2020 Summer 2020

Shopping Cart (Potential / Pending Courses) - Fall 2019 [Course Search](#) [Schedule Builder](#)

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Enrolled Courses - Fall 2019

Course (Units/Grading Basis)	Instructor	Location	Time	Day	Deadlines
MDCH 742 01 (3/GRD)	Metcalfe	HS 1461B	9:00 AM - 11:50 AM	T	

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Program and Advising Info

My Financials

Annual Progress Report

Apply for Awards

Quick Links - Student

- [View my T4/T4A](#)
- [Download T2202A](#)
- [My Student Declaration Request](#)
- [Office 365 Student Email](#)
- [Academic Requirements](#)
- [Student Success Centre](#)

- Online application through Student Centre
 - Select Awards
 - 2 References
 - Academic History
 - Scholarship and Award History (up to 10)
 - Research Abstract (250 words) and Proposal
 - Bibliography (1000 words)
 - Presentations and Contributions (1000 words)
 - Leadership and Interpersonal Skills (800 words)
 - Allowable Inclusions (250 words)

- Fill out online form
- Names, email, organization
 - select *Notify*: they will receive an email with instructions and deadline
 - Complete the page by selecting the yellow *Save* button.
- Ensure referee confirms receipt of email request
 - It may end up in the junk/spam folder!
- You both will receive an email when submitted
- Submission of your application does not rely on submission of references

- List **ALL** post-secondary institutions, whether or not you received a degree from those institutions
- Transcripts for all institutions will be uploaded by the Graduate Program Staff in the program for which you are applying for funding.
- Information is generated from all admission applications entered in the system. Ensure you delete all duplicate entries and add any missing degree data as required.

- **40 % Academic Excellence**
 - Transcripts
 - Awards
 - Reference assessments (x2)

- **40 % Research Potential**
 - Research proposal
 - Presentations and Contributions
 - Awards
 - Reference assessments (x2)

- **20% Personal Characteristics and Interpersonal Skills**
 - Leadership Statement
 - Reference assessments (x2)

- **Start early**
 - Writing a good application takes time and planning. Make a schedule so that you can meet the competition deadlines and submit with confidence.

- **Know what you are applying for**
 - Read the terms of reference to confirm you meet the eligibility criteria and understand what is required to complete the application.

- **Watch** the other videos in this series!

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsKmRbF9zAwC-V-ZXF8hgdiSkgFoaP9PY>

- Plan your **support network**: your supervisor, your program (is there a department workshop?)
- **Consult** current scholarship holders in your program
- **Peer mentoring**: Graduate Leaders Circle (GLC) runs Scholarship Cafés & Drop-In Mentoring (Zoom)



- Attend a café or drop-in session hosted by the Graduate Leaders Circle (GLC) and receive one-on-one mentoring support.

Details & Registration links posted on the UCalgary GAC webpage:

<https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/award-opportunities/graduate-award-competition>

- **Your Graduate Program Staff!!**
- Graduate Award Office
 - Faculty of Graduate Studies gsaward@ucalgary.ca
 - Find your Graduate Scholarship Officer
<https://grad.ucalgary.ca/awards/contact-scholarship-office>
- Graduate Leaders Circle
 - gradlead@ucalgary.ca
- Associate Dean Scholarships
 - Dr. Daniel McGrath