**Update from the Faculty of Graduate Studies**

– August 2, 2012 –

**Scholarships, Workshops and News**

**Vanier Canada Scholarships**
Receive $50,000 per year for 3 years!

**MAKE SURE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE** before you submit a Preliminary Assessment Form (PAF) to the Graduate Awards Office.

To be considered for a Vanier CGS, you must:

- be seeking financial support to pursue your **first** doctoral degree (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD)
- intend to pursue full-time doctoral (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD) studies and research at the nominating university in the academic year following the announcement of results
- have **completed no more than 20 months of doctoral studies as of May 1, 2013**
- have achieved a first-class average in each of the last two years of full-time study or equivalent
- **not have already received a doctoral-level scholarship or fellowship from** CIHR, SSHRC or NSERC to undertake or complete a doctoral degree (or combined MA/PhD or MD/PhD).

All prior doctoral-level studies will be considered in the evaluation of eligibility (two months of part-time study counted as one month of full-time study).

In you are registered in a combined MA/PhD program, a direct-entry doctoral program, or are accelerated from a master’s into a doctoral program without obtaining the master’s degree, your first 12 months of graduate study will not be included in the evaluation of eligibility.

**Combined MD/PhD degrees (CIHR only)**
All months of doctoral-level study within the combined degree program will be considered in the evaluation of eligibility.

**External Scholarship Opportunities**
Expanded **Mitacs -Accelerate Program** – Applications are accepted throughout the year
Collaborate with industry on development-focused projects – open to grad students and post-docs from all research disciplines.

**Electronic Thesis Submission is now available!**
Graduate Students can now choose to submit your theses electronically to theses.ucalgary.ca. Please note that all forms must be submitted to the FGS office prior to electronic submission. [Visit our website](http://www.grad.ucalgary.ca/deadlines) for more information.

**PhD Candidacy Examinations**
**PhD students** pay full program fees until the term immediately following successful completion of a candidacy exam. Note that Spring and Summer are counted as one 4 month term i.e. If you have a successful candidacy exam between May 1, 2012 and August 31, 2012 your fees will change to continuing fees starting in the Fall 2012 term. (This does **not** apply to EdD students in the Faculty of Education.)

**Important Dates**
**August 31, 2012** – Last day to successfully complete PhD Candidacy in Spring/Summer session and move to Continuing fees in Fall 2012

**September 28, 2012** – Last day to apply for November Graduation Ceremonies
( [http://www.grad.ucalgary.ca/deadlines](http://www.grad.ucalgary.ca/deadlines) )
September 28, 2012 – Last day to submit final approved thesis to the Faculty of Graduate Studies to have registration and fees cancelled for the Fall 2012 session & be eligible for November Graduation Ceremonies

FGS/GSA Photo Contest
Do you have a photo that captures your graduate research? Enter the FGS/GSA photo contest for a cash prize and a chance to have your photo permanently displayed in the new FGS/GSA offices in the MacKimmie Library Tower.

Check out the prizes, rules and regulations at http://www.grad.ucalgary.ca/
Deadline for submissions: August 31, 2012. Please send your submissions to vpsl@gsa.ucalgary.ca

Looking for a Workshop?

Writing Workshops
The Student Success Centre offers a range of workshops.

Writing Boot Camp: Honours, Master’s or Doctoral Thesis writers – bring your own computer and get the tips you need.
August 9 or August 22
1:00-4:00pm
TFDL

Dissertation/Thesis Support Group
August 16
2:00-4:00pm
This informal group will be facilitated by Writing Support Services instructors and group leaders to initiate peer-to-peer discussion and provide resources on various topics for participants. Students must have completed their proposals.

Workshops – Teaching & Learning Centre
See other workshops at the Teaching & Learning Centre.

TA Preparedness Workshop
September 4 and 5, 2012, 9:00am–4:00pm – Biological Sciences 587
Cost: Free for all graduate students.
Registration required.

Taylor Family Digital Library
Need a Learning Commons Workshop?
Have Questions?
Need Information?
Ask Leslie Potter BPE or see http://library.ucalgary.ca/icinstruc

Useful Links
Academic Schedule
U This Week
Research in Action Online
Graduate Student Association
Postdoctoral Program

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