2011 GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD WINNERS  
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship

The Vanier CGS program aims to attract and retain world-class doctoral students by supporting students who demonstrate both leadership skills and a high standard of scholarship achievement in graduate studies. Valued at $50,000 a year for three years, the Vanier is one of Canada’s most prestigious graduate awards.

- Stephen Cochrane

General Awards

Andrew Stewart Memorial Graduate Prize

Awarded in direct recognition of excellence in research at the doctoral level; it acknowledges outstanding accomplishment and potential in pursuit of new knowledge ($5,000).

- Clarissa Sit

Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship

Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship – Master’s

Candidates must be in the first or second year of a master’s degree program and must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents at the time of application ($10,800.).

- Jeremy Bau
- Taras Rybak

Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral

Candidates must be in the doctoral degree program and must be Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents at the time of application ($15,000).

- Spencer Alford
- Amr El-Hawiet
- Amira El-Yazbi
- Anushka Jayasuriya
- Brandon Johnston
- Claude Larrivee Aboussafy
- Md. Hosnay Mobarak
- Nicole Oro
- Brent Rudyk
- Hongchao Zheng

Recruitment Awards

University of Alberta Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship

The scholarship is offered to newly admitted students who will be registered full time in a doctoral (PhD or equivalent) degree program. The offer recognizes your academic and scholarly achievement (awarded in increments of $5,000 each).
• Chenming Cao (Nankai Univ)
• Shuai Chen (Lakehead Univ)
• Arpan Dandapat (Indian Inst of Tech)
• Solmaz Fatemi (Univ of Tehran)
• Christina Gonzalez (Univ of Texas at El Paso)
• Nobar Jalili (Zanjan Inst)
• Xue Li (Nanjing Univ)
• Yan Li (Nanjing Forest Univ)
• Fenglin Liu (Shandong Univ)
• Negar Mokhtarihaj (Al Zahra Univ)
• Sanaz Nikjah (Shahid Beheshti Univ)
• Krishna Ramachandran (Mahatma Gandhi Univ)
• Eva Rodriguez Lopez (National Auto Univ of Mexico)
• Mohammad Salem (German Univ in Cairo)
• Farnaz Shakib (Tarbiat Modares Univ)
• Lei Wang (Nankai Univ)
• Matthew Wiens (TU Dresden/Delft)
• Jingjing Zhang (Zhejiang Univ)
• Wei Zhang (Zhejiang Univ)
• Ya Zhang (Zhejiang Univ)
• Ya Zhou (Nankai Univ)

U of A Master’s Scholarship

The purpose of the scholarship is to recruit superior students at the master’s level who have the potential to become excellent doctoral students. Awarded to superior Canadian Citizens, Permanent Residents or foreign students ($17,000 per year including value of GTA plus tuition and fees).

• Bing Cao (Zhengzhou Univ)

Department Awards

Margaret Thompson Memorial Prize in Chemistry

Awarded to the full-time student [4 course load] with the highest GPA on completion of their first year of graduate studies in Chemistry. More than one award may be made if two or more students have equivalent academic standing.

• Simon Ng

Robert Swindlehurst Graduate Book Prize in Chemistry

Awarded annually to a graduate student studying Analytical Chemistry who has demonstrated a keen interest in their studies. If there is no suitable candidate studying Analytical Chemistry, the award may be given to a graduate student who is studying Organic Chemistry ($200 in books).

• Difei Sun

Osman James Walker Memorial Scholarship

Awarded to a student of outstanding merit entering a graduate degree program in the Department of Chemistry. Preference is given to students who have graduated from the University of Alberta in the previous academic year ($1,300).

• Kaitlyn Towle
Jean Cooley Graduate Scholarship in Analytical Chemistry

Awarded annually to two female students registered full-time in a graduate degree program in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Alberta whose area of research is Analytical Chemistry. The recipient will be selected on the basis of superior academic achievement ($1,000).

- Lydia Chen
- Nicole Oro

Boehringer Ingelheim Prize

Awarded to a third or fourth year graduate student on the basis of excellence both in graduate course work and research in synthetic or bioorganic chemistry ($2,000).

- Myles Poulin
- Jack Lee

Norman Jones Travel Award

To support travel to attend a conference in any area of Spectroscopy. Preference may be given to a student attending a FACCS or Pittsburgh Conference. The award is primarily intended for graduate students or advanced undergraduates in physical or theoretical chemistry ($1,000 awarded annually).

- Christy Knapp
- Elijah Schnitzler
- Md. Shafiul Azam

University Awards

Governor General’s Gold Medal

Awarded for academic excellence at the graduate level. At the University of Alberta, it recognizes the doctoral graduate who achieves the highest academic standing. While selection of a recipient is based primarily on academic excellence, attention to the dissertation and cumulative scholarly achievement during the doctoral program will also be considered.

- Toby Zeng

BMO Financial Group Graduate Scholarship

Awarded annually to a student registered in, or admitted to, a full-time PhD or thesis-based Master’s program at the University of Alberta. There are no restrictions on citizenship and all disciplines are eligible for funding. The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of superior academic achievement (minimum grade point average equivalent to a 3.5 on the University of Alberta grading scale) and demonstrated research ability or research potential ($20,000)

- Xunchen Liu

NSERC Awards

Graduate Students

- Mita Dasog – CGSD
- Shaun McKinnie – CGSM
- Chad Iverson – PGSD
- Brittany Dever – PGSD
- Christopher Lohans – PGSD
- Elijah Schnitzler - CGSM
Undergraduate Students
- Alyson Baergen - CGSM
- Matthew Carter – CGSM
- Martina Morrissey - CGSM

Alberta Innovates Technologies Futures Scholarships

The Alberta Innovates Graduate Student Scholarship program (GSS) is designed to enable promising students to succeed in areas of scientific research which are strategically important to Alberta. These areas are: Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Nanotechnology, and Omics; (Omics consists of: Genomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics, Transcriptomics and Regulomics.) in and of themselves or additionally which support the areas of Health, Bio-industries, Energy and Environment. The scholarship is intended to support the recipient in concentrating his/her full time to the proposed research.
- Jeffrey Bunquin
- Cassandra Churchill
- Mita Dasog
- Brittany Dever
- Chad Iverson
- Fenglin Liu
- Elijah Schnitzler

Alberta Learning

Graduate Student Scholarship

To reward the outstanding academic achievement of Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents in the second year of an MSc program in Alberta ($3,000 each, FGSR automatically considers all eligible students. Cut-off ~ 3.5 GPA).
- Justin Geisel
- Terry Heidt
- Madeleine Jensen-Fontaine
- Sarah Regli
- Michael Reid

Graduate Student Teaching Awards

FGSR Graduate Teaching Award Winners
- Houston Brown
- Amira El-Yazbi
- Elizabeth Corkum
- Andreas Ibrahim
- Tina Bott
- Laura Zilke
- Jack Lee
- Naoto Soya
- Tiffany MacDougall
- Michael Slaney
- Brent Rudyk