Awards and Financial Assistance

t is very important that you carefully consider the total financing of your education, from your first session at the University of Calgary to completing your degree objective. If financial help will be needed beyond funds that you or your family are able to provide, you should make the necessary applications for financial assistance well in advance of enrollment. You should pay particular attention to early deadlines for applications for grants, awards and government student loans. While the needs and resources of each student differ, the University can provide a general list of fees and expenses normally encountered.

This section contains awards for undergraduate faculties and awards for the Faculty of Environmental Design.

Awards for Undergraduate Faculties

General Information

Awards and financial assistance available to first-year students and undergraduate students at the University are described in this section under the following categories:

- · Outstanding Achievement Awards
- Entrance Awards
- Transfer Awards
- Undergraduate Awards awards available to students in any undergraduate Faculty – awards available to students in a particular field of study by Faculty and Department
- Faculty of Law Awards
- Faculty of Medicine Awards
- Athletic Awards
- External Awards awards offered by external sources and requiring separate application
- Government Student Aid Plans
- Other Sources of Financial Assistance

Applications are available from the Student Awards and Financial Aid website: www.ucalgary.ca/awards/. Students wishing to apply for Entrance Awards must apply using the on-line application form, accessible through the Student Awards & Financial Aid website. Completed applications must be submitted on or before the specified deadlines. Where no application is required, the award is made automatically on the basis of academic merit.

The payment of monetary awards, except certain prizes and graduating scholarships, is contingent upon the student proceeding with full-time studies in the immediate Fall and Winter Sessions. Unless otherwise stated in the terms of reference, the recipient must be in actual full-time attendance at the University of Calgary before receiving the awards. Payment of tuition and fees is the first charge against such awards.

If the value of an award is stated as "tuition and fees," it is understood not to include differential fees.

Deadlines

Faculty of Law Awards May 1
Entrance Awards* February 1
Faculty of Medicine Awards August 1
Outstanding Achievement
Awards* December 1
Transfer Awards October 1
Undergraduate Awards June 15

*Deadline is February 1 of the year prior to entering the University.

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Supplemental, deferred and special deferred examinations or term work may affect eligibility for certain awards.

If a student is granted an award, the University of Calgary reserves the right to release pertinent information to provincial funding bodies or the donor of the award.

The University assumes liability for the payment of scholarships, bursaries, prizes and other awards only to the extent that gifts from donors, or returns from particular investments for these purposes, will permit.

As this Calendar is published a considerable time before the opening of the session, the University reserves the right to make whatever changes circumstances may require, including cancellation or addition of particular awards.

Definitions and Requirements

Frosh: A first-year student who has no previous post-secondary education.

Scholarship: A scholarship is a cash award given to a student selected primarily on the basis of academic standing. In order to be *considered* for a scholarship, a student must normally present a minimum grade point average of 3.20.

Prize: A prize is an award given in recognition of some specific superior accomplishment. Prizes may be in the form of such things as books, plaques, subscriptions, or cash but normally have a value of not more than \$300.

Bursary: A bursary is an award given to a student based on academic merit but where there is also a need of financial assistance. In

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order to be *considered* for a bursary, a student must normally present a minimum grade point average of 2.60.

Competitive Award: A competitive award is an award based on academic merit. If stated in the conditions of the award, other criteria such as extra-curricular activities, leadership involvement, contribution to the community or campus life, and financial need will be considered. Students must complete an application to be considered for competitive awards.

Nominated Award: A nominated award is an award based solely on academic merit and is normally designated to a specific faculty. Selection is made automatically by the Faculty without need for application by the student.

Student Loan: A student loan is issued on the understanding that the money will be repaid upon the completion of one's studies. The Federal and Provincial Governments both provide student loan plans; refer to the Government Student Aid Plans section of this Calendar.

For further information, inquiries should be directed to the Student Awards and Financial Aid office.