



Emerging Cancer Scholar Award in Cancer Screening, Detection & Risk Reduction (CanDoR)

Objective. The award aims to enable faculty members of the Cancer Screening, Detection & Risk Reduction Program (CanDoR) to recruit and retain outstanding PhD students to carry out innovative population-based research training through the offer of highly competitive scholarships.

Eligibility. Principal Investigator-sponsored applications are solicited from prospective or already enrolled trainees who have met (or will meet) admission requirements for a University of Calgary graduate program. At the time of application, doctoral students must be pre-candidacy exam (≤ 2 years in the program), while masters students must be ≤ 1 year into their program. For trainees yet to commence their studies, and who are external to the University of Calgary prior to their enrollment in a graduate program, the award is contingent on acceptance into a full-time graduate program at the University of Calgary under the supervision of a full member of CanDoR. *Please note:*

- CanDoR *principal investigators* can only supervise one new full-time student with a CanDoR Emerging Cancer Scholar Award in a given two year period of support.
- In the second year of an existing student's CanDoR Emerging Cancer Scholar Award, the principal investigator may sponsor an application for a new student whose award can commence the following year.
- Principal investigators may sponsor one new application as primary supervisor, even if they are listed as the co-supervisor on an existing student with a CanDoR Emerging Cancer Scholar Award.
- Applicants with awards equal to or greater than the value of the CanDoR Emerging Cancer Scholar Award are ineligible for the award.

Graduate award applicants must have the following qualifications. Acceptance into a full-time MSc or PhD program at the University of Calgary under the supervision of a full-time faculty of the University of Calgary engaged in Cancer Screening, Detection & Risk Reduction research.

Other Terms and Conditions.

- The purpose of this award is to attract students who will be **highly competitive** for external awards on the basis of academic performance and research excellence.
- Students holding a CanDoR Rising Star Graduate Student award **are required to apply for all internal and external funding for which they are eligible**, including those from provincial and national agencies.
- Students already holding significant scholarships at or above this award are ineligible to hold the Emerging Cancer Scholar Award in Cancer Screening, Detection & Risk Reduction.
- Students holding scholarships at a lesser amount than this award will have the CanDoR Emerging Cancer Scholar Award adjusted for a combined total of 17,500 PhD and \$15,000 MSc
- Renewal of a CanDoR Emerging Cancer Scholar Award for Year 2 is contingent upon internal review of applications, annual review of progress (including participation in CanDoR and Charbonneau academic activities), and a short letter of support from the supervisor.

Eligibility based on Citizenship: Unrestricted, although under conditions of strong application preference may be given to Canadian Citizens or Permanent Residents who are eligible for Canadian Tri-Council graduate studentship awards.

Number of Awards. Up to 3 per year, subject to available funding

Duration. Two years maximum, subject to annual review at end of Year 1, prior to renewal

Value:

PhD Students: \$17,500 from CanDoR funds with the supervisor and/or co-supervisor providing additional funds to reach at least the minimum stipend.

MSc Students: \$15,000 from CanDoR funds with the supervisor and/or co-supervisor providing additional funds to reach at least the minimum stipend.

Supervisors agree to this financial partnership by applying to this competition.

Application Instructions

This award application is administered by the Graduate Award Competition (GAC), available online, through your Student Centre. The form includes the following components:

1: The standard GAC application for students enrolled in CSM-based programs. Deadline is 11:59 PM on **January 2025**

Please note that this deadline may be different if you are enrolled in a graduate program in another faculty. Please check with your program to find out your faculty's/ program's internal deadline for the GAC competition.

All components of the Standard GAC Award Application must be completed. These include:

- Eligibility statement
- References
- Transcripts: Transcripts will be added to your application after the deadline by your Graduate Program Administrator (GPA) based on the information provided in the application. You do not need to request transcripts.
- Other sections, Academic History; Awards; Research Abstract (250 words) and Proposal (thesis) (800 words); References cited in your research proposal (1000 words); Presentations and Contributions (1000 words); Leadership and Interpersonal Skills (800 words)

2: The GAC Harmonized Award attachment. Deadline TBA, submitted electronically through the Student Center via email to awardsgse@ucalgary.ca

All components of the GAC Harmonized Award Attachment must be completed. These include:

- **A statement describing how the proposed graduate research project aligns with the strategic goals of the supervisor's program, the CanDoR, the Charbonneau Cancer Institute, and UC.**
(max. 400 words)
 1. Novel approaches & methods for screening/pathways
 2. Cancer Screening in high-risk populations
 - Cancer Survivors
 - Family History
 - Defined by Risk factors
 3. Enhancing equity in cancer prevention and screening in Alberta
 - Molecular cancer prevention/risk reduction
 4. Implementation research in screening & risk reduction
- Training experience, expectations and personal considerations section (max. 800 words)
- Training environment statement (max. 500 words)
- Supervisor Common CV CIHR Biosketch or equivalent
- Certificate of completion of the CIHR Sex and Gender module ([IGH Learning - CIHR \(cihr-irsc.gc.ca\)](https://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/en/igh-learning))

Components 1 and 2 must be completed in full to ensure your application is valid.

Application Deadlines: The **GAC application** deadline is 11:59 PM on **January 2025**, for students enrolled in CSM-based programs. The **GAC Harmonized Award Attachment** is due by **January 2025**

Adjudication Process and Evaluation Criteria

Eligible applications will receive a primary score through the GAC review process. This is a multi-disciplinary group of reviewers who may not have the in-depth knowledge in all the projects submitted. Applicants must ensure that their project proposals can be understood by a non-specialist reviewer.

The top 50% of the applications reviewed by the GAC process will be re-reviewed by the Charbonneau Training Review Committee and adjudicated based on the following criteria:

The following criteria will be considered during the selection process:

- Quality of candidate, academic excellence, research experience, awards.
- Ability of supervisory environment to support research project.
- Competitiveness of Candidate for external awards.
- Alignment to CanDoR strategic research priorities as outlined [here](#) and including (but not necessarily limited to):
 1. Novel approaches & methods for screening/pathways
 2. Cancer Screening in high-risk populations
 - a) Cancer Survivors
 - b) Family History
 - c) Defined by Risk factors
 3. Enhancing equity in cancer prevention and screening in Alberta
 - a) Molecular cancer prevention/risk reduction
 4. Implementation research in screening & risk reduction

Terms of the Award

Awarded recipients and their supervisors agree to the following obligations, which include but are not limited to:

- **Acknowledgment of Support:** Recipients must acknowledge the financial support provided by Cancer Screening, Detection & Risk Reduction Program (CanDoR) at the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute in all publications, presentations, communications, and marketing materials related to the funded research project.
- **Participation in Training Activities:** Awardees are required to participate in training activities, such as courses, workshops, and professional development opportunities organized by the Charbonneau Cancer Institute and the Cancer Screening, Detection & Risk Reduction Program (CanDoR).
- **Continued Application for External Funding:** To enhance the training capacity of the Charbonneau Cancer Institute, all awardees must actively seek external funding opportunities. Successful external funding will allow the Robson training funds to be allocated to additional trainees.
- **Notification of Awards:** Recipients must inform the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute and the Cancer Screening, Detection & Risk Reduction Program (CanDoR) of any awards received from external or internal agencies or programs during the term of their award.

Please contact Charbonneau Education with any questions at:

Email: charb.education@ucalgary.ca