

## Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholar Award in Cancer Research

### Purpose of Award

Students holding a Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholars award are expected to apply for internal and external funding for which they are eligible, including those from provincial and national agencies. The Charbonneau component of the award will be pro-rated by the amount obtained from other sources.

### Eligibility Criteria

Applications are open to:

- Prospective or current full-time PhD/MSc students at the University of Calgary, supervised by a current or prospective member of the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute.
- Applicants must be accepted into a full-time MSc or PhD program at the University of Calgary under the supervision of a full member of the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute.

### Additional Requirements:

- Award recipients and their supervisors must become members of the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute, adhering to all membership guidelines.
- Applicants must not have previously received funding through the Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholars Award.

### 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 Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholars award **are required to apply for all internal and external funding for which they are eligible**, including those from provincial and national agencies.

**Eligibility Limitations:** Students holding significant scholarships equal to or above the value of this award are ineligible to receive the Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholar Award in Cancer Research.

**Adjustments of Awards:** Students with scholarships of lesser value will have their Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholar Award adjusted to ensure a combined total of 17,500 PhD students and \$15,000 MSc students.

**Reporting:** A final report detailing knowledge translation outputs and any external scholarship applications or awards will be required.

**Citizenship:** Unrestricted

**Number of Awards:** Up to 2 awards per year, subject to available funding

**Value:** The award guarantees an annual stipend of:

- **PhD \$17,500/per year** from Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholar Award with the supervisor and/or co-supervisor providing additional funds to meet at least the minimum stipend.
- Duration: **2 years** maximum

- **MSc \$15,000** from Phillips Emerging Cancer Scholar with the supervisor and/or co-supervisor providing additional funds to meet at least the minimum stipend. .

Duration: **1 year** with an option to renew for an additional year

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

### **Applications 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](mailto:awardsgse@ucalgary.ca)

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

- An **eligibility statement on how your training is related to cancer research** (max. 400 words)
- 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 \(cihr-irsc.gc.ca\)](http://IGH Learning - CIHR (cihr-irsc.gc.ca)))

***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 **TBA**, for students enrolled in CSM-based programs. The **GAC Harmonized Award Attachment** is due by **TBA**

### **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:

- alignment of the proposed project to cancer research excellence;
- significance and quality of the proposed project;
- quality of the candidate (e.g., academic excellence, research experience, awards);
- supervisor's research and training environment (e.g., publications, grant support, experience in trainee supervision)

### **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 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 Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute.
- **Continued Application for External Funding:** To enhance the training capacity of the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute, all awardees must actively seek external funding opportunities. Successful external funding will allow Charbonneau training funds to be allocated to additional trainees.
- **Notification of Awards:** Recipients must inform the Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute 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](mailto:charb.education@ucalgary.ca)**