



Indigenous Entrance Scholarship Terms of Reference

ELIGIBILITY:

Qualifications - Holders of these awards are required to be a **fully-qualified** student in a Master's or Doctoral degree program at the University of Regina. Students must be an **entering student** (be in their *first semester*). EMBA (Levene), MHIM (CS) & MHA (JSGS) students are not eligible for this scholarship.

In Good Standing – Students must hold and maintain a minimum 70% average. An incomplete and/or failing grade from a previous semester's work will render the student ineligible for support. Failure to continue to be fully eligible each semester while holding this scholarship, will require the scholarship to be discontinued. Preference will be given to students with a higher incoming GPA.

Required – Grad Thrive Plus 800AA must be completed by the end of the first semester in which a student begins their program, in order to be eligible. Failure to complete this by the end of their first semester will require the scholarship to be discontinued.

Registered full time or part time - Recipients of the FGSR Indigenous Entrance Scholarship are required to be registered in the semester in which the funding is to be received and, accordingly, are required to register in no fewer than 3 credit hours of course or thesis work pertaining to their program during the corresponding semester. All awardees are required to be registered by the **5th** day of the first month (January, May, or September) of the semester in which the award is to be paid, in order to meet payroll deadlines.

Program Changes - If a student wishes to change their route or program, the effected departments and faculty must agree on graduate funding. Notification must be made to FGSR at the time of that change.

Other Awards – FGSR Indigenous Entrance Scholarship students may only hold other funding up to a maximum of \$10,000. This includes but is not limited to internal University of Regina scholarships, foreign scholarships, FGSR funding and foreign government funding. It is up to the discretion of FGSR to approve any 'Other' funding. Exception: Students are allowed to apply for and hold travel awards. 'Other Awards' does not include Band Funding.

Employment – There is no restriction on employment while holding this scholarship.

Rates of Support/Duration:

The FGSR Indigenous Entrance Scholarship is a one year, non-renewable scholarship. The value varies from \$3,000 to \$16,000 over the course of three semesters for tuition and associated fees only. The amounts will be determined by FGSR. The scholarship will be paid out over the course of 3 semesters (no more than 6 credit hours each semester), directly to the students' University of Regina student account, to cover tuition and associated fees.



Application & Adjudication:

It is the responsibility of each Faculty to nominate their fully qualified Indigenous students, based on the student's self-declaration on their application to FGSR, and providing the student is fully eligible, as described in this Terms of Reference.

Procedures:

At time of accepting a student for admission, the faculty will submit the ranking spreadsheet (provided by FGSR) to FGSR. Faculties must rank their students (ex. # 1-10) when they nominate them to FGSR, **based on academic standing and leadership.**

Notification -will be made to the student by FGSR through an Admission Funding Letter.

Payment – FGSR will check eligibility each semester after the add/drop date, to ensure the student has registered and is otherwise fully eligible as per the ToR. FGSR will then notify Financial Services to make payment directly to the student's University of Regina account, which will cover tuition and associated fees.

All FGSR Funding is subject to annual budgetary approval and up to the discretion of the Dean of FGSR.