

Terms of Reference for the Nova Scotia Graduate Scholarship

Clean Technology; Aerospace and Defence; Resource Sectors; Financial Services; Health and We
and Social Innovation.

and up to \$15,000 per year for up to 4 years at the PhD level for Canadian and international students.

scholarships while also holding a Nova Scotia Graduate Scholarship. The upper limit for Master
recipients is \$25,000/annum, and the upper limit for PhD recipients is \$35,000/annum, based on

ELIGIBILITY, SELECTION AND RETENTION CRITERIA FOR NOVA SCOTIA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (in order of priority)

1. Applicants must carry out thesis research in one of the following provincial priority sectors

Ocean/Marine Technology	Life Sciences	Information & Communication Technology
Clean Technology	Aerospace & Defence	Financial Services
Health & Wellness	Resource Sector	Social Innovation

2. Applicants must either be (1) accepted for admission at the time of application, as a full-time research-based graduate student at SMU or (2) be a registered full-time research-based graduate student within the minimum-time-for-completion at SMU at the time of taking up the scholarship. For this scholarship program, research-based graduate programs at SMU include all PhD programs, Master of Applied Health Services Research Thesis Program, all Master of Arts programs, and the Master of Science programs in Applied Science, Applied Psychology, and Astronomy
3. Applicants must have a minimum GPA, over the last 60 credit hours of study, of 3.7 (based on a 4.3 scale). Official transcripts, from all institutions attended showing all grades received prior to the application deadline must be submitted with this application. Official transcripts must include winter grades for the year of application (if applicable). FGSR will accept an unofficial SMU transcript printed in May of the year of application.
4. Applicants must agree to submit an annual/final report on their research.

SELECTION CRITERIA (in order of priority):

1. Overall merit of the research proposal (including clarity of presentation, and appropriateness of proposed methodology): 40%
2. Explanation of how the research can advance the economic and/or social wellbeing of Nova Scotians: 40%
3. Justification of how the thesis research aligns with one of the provincial priority sectors: 20%

RETENTION CRITERIA

If awarded a multi-year award, to maintain funding in subsequent years, awardees:

1. Must maintain first class standing
2. Must be registered as a full-time student as defined in the Graduate Academic Calendar, in one of the eligible graduate programs specified in the Eligibility Criteria.
3. Must submit an annual/final report identifying progress in the research program and how the research may ultimately advance the economic and/or social wellbeing of Nova Scotians within one of the provincial priority sectors
4. Must be approved by the FGSR Awards Committee

