
To: Faculty Associate Deans
Faculty Administrative Assistants

Cc: Graduate Studies Awards Staff

Good Afternoon,

Below you will find the Doctoral Thesis Completion Award allocations for each Faculty for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The Faculty allocations are based on the previous terms distribution of full-time doctoral enrolment.

Faculty	Allocation By Faculty
Applied Health Sciences	3
Arts	5
Engineering	12
Environment	4
Mathematics	6
Science	6
Total	36

You will notice that this year the total quota is three less than previous years (from 39 to 36). This is in response to the *Indigenous initiative* Jeff – along with the Provost, and the Associate Vice President Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion – proposed last spring . As agreed upon – starting spring 2020 term – one award per term will be reserved for applicants who identify as Indigenous. If, in a term, no Indigenous scholar seeks or qualifies for the award, that award will be carried forward to the subsequent term. If, at the end of the fiscal year, any of these awards remain unallocated, the base allocation (currently 36) will increase in the next fiscal year to include the previous year's unallocated awards. If in any term more Indigenous students apply than awards are available, an ad hoc committee will be formed to identify those students who should receive the award(s). Those Indigenous students who have applied but are not selected may be recommended to receive an award from the Faculty allocation. The application has been updated with the following question to assist with identifying students who would qualify:

Do you self-identify as a first nations (Status/ Non-Status) Métis or Inuit as defined in the Canadian Constitution Act 1982? No ___ Yes ___

As always - the Faculty quota's listed above are to be used for the full year, so you must determine how many you wish to use for each of the next three terms (Spring 2020, Fall 2020 and Winter 2021). They must all be used - **as carry forward is not permitted.**

As a reminder, the purpose of this award is to enable doctoral students to focus on their thesis and complete their program. Please ensure that the applicants being selected for this award will be able to realistically complete their program within 2 terms of receiving the award.

Once you have made your selections, please save the nominations on the Awards Payments SharePoint site at the beginning of each term. It is also important to ensure you let the applicants know the outcome of the competition.

Another email will be sent out shortly including the department coordinators, with further information.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the DTCA and/or the new Indigenous initiative, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes,

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