



REGULATIONS GOVERNING UNIVERSITY AWARDS

The following regulations, as approved by the University of British Columbia Senate, govern all awards over which the University has jurisdiction.

1. It is the policy of the University to attract, at both graduate and undergraduate levels, the best academically qualified students. With that objective in mind, it is the primary policy of the University to encourage donations, whether to individual Faculties or the University's general scholarship and bursary funds, that can be used to reward excellence and/or to provide support to students with financial need. The goal is to ensure fairness, and maximum flexibility and efficiency in the administration of available funds. The University does not approve award terms inconsistent with human rights legislation.
2. Awards issued by the University are applied to tuition and to other student fees. If the amount of the award is greater than the fees, the excess is paid to the student after the tuition and other student fees have been deducted.
3. Bursaries are awarded on the basis of financial need, in accordance with Policy 72, "Access to the University of British Columbia."
4. If invested funds do not provide sufficient income for any endowed award, payment of the award may be reduced or the award withheld. The University does not guarantee the payment of any awards other than those from the funds of the University. The University reserves the right to withhold awards donated by individuals or organizations where the funds required have not actually been received.
5. The Senate reserves the right to change the terms governing an award, so that they may better meet new conditions, more fully carry out the intentions of the donor, or maintain the usefulness of the benefaction. The rights so reserved shall be exercised by resolution of the Senate duly confirmed by the Board of Governors, provided always that sufficient notice shall be given in Senate of any proposed change and that the donor or representative, if known, shall be consulted about the proposed change.

Regulations governing undergraduate awards

1. Unless otherwise stated, awards are tenable only at UBC and are open to Winter Session students only. Marks obtained in Summer Session courses are not taken into account.
2. Scholarships, prizes, or other academic awards will normally be made only to an undergraduate student, registered in at least 27 percentage graded credits, standing in the top 10% of his/her year and Faculty or with an average of 75% or higher (with no failed courses) in the academic session on which the award adjudication is based.
3. Scholarship standing for students taking more than 27 credits will be determined on the basis of 27 percentage graded credits to be chosen in a manner most advantageous to the student.
4. A recipient of an award may retain the honour of an award but resign the monetary value. Any funds thus made available will be used for additional awards.
5. Recipients of undergraduate scholarships and other academic awards normally are expected to be registered in 24 credits to retain their scholarships and/or academic awards. Scholarships are offered only to those who continue their studies to the satisfaction of Student Financial Assistance & Awards and may be withheld for unsatisfactory attendance or progress. Students registered in fewer than 24 credits in their final year of study may retain a scholarship and/or be eligible for a prize or other year-end award if their Faculty or school confirms this number of credits is sufficient for graduation. In this case, a scholarship may be prorated.

6. Students who have completed at least one year of study at UBC may be eligible to defer certain scholarships for one year, provided they show satisfactory reasons for postponing attendance. Requests for deferment must be made to Student Financial Assistance & Awards. Students wishing to take up an award deferred from a previous year must advise Student Financial Assistance & Awards by July 1. The University of British Columbia recognizes that students may encounter opportunities or circumstances that could result in a request for deferred admission. Applicants intending to commence the first year of a degree program may request a deferral for one year (or two years in cases of mandatory military service). Students who have been granted deferred admissions will automatically have any scholarships or other merit-based awards deferred until they begin their study at the University. Students, who are granted permission to defer their admission, and therefore their awards, will still have to satisfy any conditions of the admission offer, such as completion of courses in progress, maintenance of a satisfactory admission average, and graduation from secondary school. They must apply to take up the deferred offer by the application deadline of the following year. They must register in the program and at the campus to which they were admitted or will be required to reapply and compete with the new applicant pool for a space.
7. Scholarships and academic awards awarded for a achievement in a specific Faculty or discipline or intended for students studying in a particular program are normally conditional upon the recipient continuing studies in the same discipline or program during the following year. A program change to an ineligible Faculty or discipline will usually result in reassignment of the award to another student.

Regulations governing graduate awards

1. The fellowships and scholarships offered, unless otherwise stated, are available only to support students engaged in full-time study and/or research leading to a degree at the University of British Columbia and will normally be paid only if the recipient is registered as a full-time student at the University during the payment period.
2. Students offered both a major university graduate fellowship funding (Killam Doctoral Fellowship, Four Year Doctoral Fellowship, University Graduate Fellowship, or Affiliated Graduate Fellowship) and external funding for full-time study and research at UBC will be required to accept the external funding. If the value of the external award funding is less than the value of the major university graduate fellowship, the student will receive the difference between the major university graduate fellowship and external award funding.