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Student Financial Supports Policy

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Office of Administrative Responsibility:	Office of the Registrar Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Office of Advancement
Approver:	Board of Governors
Scope:	<p>Compliance with this University policy extends to all academic, support and excluded staff, postdoctoral fellows, and academic colleagues as outlined and defined in the Recruitment Policy <https://policiesonline.ualberta.ca/policiesprocedures/policies/recruitment-policy.pdf> (Appendix A <https://policiesonline.ualberta.ca/PoliciesProcedures/Procedures/Recruitment-Policy-Appendix-A-Definition-and-Categories-of-Academic-Staff-Administrators-and-Colleagues.pdf> and Appendix B <https://policiesonline.ualberta.ca/policiesprocedures/procedures/recruitment-policy-appendix-b-definition-and-categories-of-support-staff.pdf>: Definitions and Categories); undergraduate, graduate and Faculty of Extension students; emeriti; members of the Board of Governors; visitors to campus, including visiting speakers and scholars; third party contractors; and volunteers.</p>

Overview

The *Post-Secondary Learning Act* of Alberta gives the Board of Governors authority to “manage and operate the public post-secondary institution in accordance with its mandate,” and to “develop, manage and operate, alone or in co-operation with any person or organization, programs, services and facilities for the economic prosperity of Alberta and for the educational or cultural advancement of the people of Alberta,” (section 60(1)(a) and (b)).

The *Post-Secondary Learning Act* of Alberta gives GFC responsibility, subject to the authority of the Board of Governors, over “rules and regulations respecting academic awards” (section 26(1)(m)).

GFC has delegated responsibility for graduate awards to the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Council (FGSR).

Purpose

To articulate the University’s position on **student financial supports** for the institution.

POLICY

The University of Alberta is committed to providing and optimizing robust student financial supports, in order to ensure that academically qualified **students** can attend the university. These **student financial supports** will align with institutional priorities and values, including those outlined in the institutional strategic plan. The University recognizes that access to affordable education is a shared responsibility between the University, the student, and government. The associated procedures outline how the University will ensure that its responsibilities to all stakeholders, including students, **government**, and **donors**, are met.

DEFINITIONS

Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only with no implied or intended institution-wide use. [▲Top]	
Student Financial Supports	<p>Student financial supports are items of monetary and/or other value awarded to a student by the University of Alberta or by donors through the University on the basis of completion of requirements outlined in the selection criteria or terms of reference.</p> <p>Merit-based student financial supports include, but are not limited to, awards, scholarships, prizes, and University medals. Merit-based financial supports are competitive; successful completion of the requirements does not guarantee receipt of the funding.</p> <p>Need-based student financial supports include, but are not limited to, bursaries loans, and emergency funding.</p> <p>Hybrid awards require academic performance and demonstrated financial need, and will be titled as “Awards”.</p>
Student	An individual currently enrolled (full-time or part-time) in undergraduate or graduate studies.
Government	The government representing a jurisdiction and associated governmental agencies tasked with administering student financial supports.
Donor	An individual or organization who makes a charitable donation to the University of Alberta. A charitable donation is a voluntary transfer of property with intent to donate and without benefit or advantage to the donor. Charitable donations can include gifts-in-kind.

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