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## University Medal Requirements Procedure

<b>Office of Administrative Responsibility:</b>	Office of the Registrar
<b>Approver:</b>	Provost and Vice-President (Academic)
<b>Scope:</b>	Compliance with University policy extends to all members of the University community.

### Overview

The University of Alberta will award, alongside its own **University medals**, medals from outside organizations. Examples include the Governor General’s Academic Medals. The following procedure does not apply to those external medals, which will have their own requirements.

### Purpose

To provide detailed requirements for University medals.

## **PROCEDURE**

University medals are considered the most prestigious **awards** offered by the University of Alberta.

University medals must conform to certain standards of content, as determined by GFC.

There are four categories of medals that may be approved:

**Gold Medals** must have a minimum gold content of 10 karats (0.4166 pure gold). The award description will include the exact gold content of the medal. When funding becomes inadequate to maintain the quality and size described for a gold medal, the award designation will be changed to “gold-plated medal” status or the award will cease to be made.

**Silver Medals** must be made of sterling silver (925 parts silver with 75 parts copper).

**Bronze Medals** must be made of an alloy of copper and tin, but can include small portions of other elements such as zinc or phosphorous.

**Gold Plated Medals** must be gold plated or gold dusted over sterling centers.

## **DEFINITIONS**

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<b>University Medals</b>	A University medal is an award normally given to a student on the basis of overall superior academic achievement. Additional selection criteria will not normally be used.
<b>Awards</b>	Awards are items of monetary and/or other value given to a student or

	<p>students by the University of Alberta primarily on the basis of academic standing and completion of requirements outlined in the award description or terms of reference. Specific kinds of awards include scholarships, prizes, University medals, and general awards.</p> <p>As many awards are competitive, successful completion of the requirements does not guarantee receipt of the award.</p>
<b>Gold Medals</b>	Gold medals are the highest academic awards offered in a Faculty or Department.
<b>Silver Medals</b>	Silver medals signify the second highest academic award offered by a Faculty or Department.
<b>Bronze Medals</b>	Bronze medals signify the third highest academic award offered by a Faculty or Department.
<b>Gold Plated Medals</b>	Gold plated medals signify high honor in academic or other endeavors.

## **FORMS**

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