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To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators, Applicants

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Re: **2026/27 Indo-Pacific Scholarships/Fellowships Competition – DEADLINE EXTENDED to Tuesday, August 4, 2026**

The Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) is delighted to announce the 2026/27 Indo-Pacific Scholarships/Fellowships competition. Funded by the Government of Global Affairs Canada, this new award is designed for graduate students (Master's thesis-based and Doctoral) and Postdoctoral Scholars conducting research in the area of Technological Innovation through Artificial Intelligence & Mechatronics Applications via a strategic research partnership at one of the following Indo-Pacific Institutions:

University of Queensland (Australia)
Tohoku University (Japan)
Nanyang Technological University (Singapore)
Seoul National University (South Korea)
Taiwan University

Value

Valued at \$13,200 for graduate students (Master's thesis and Doctoral programs), and \$11,200 for postdoctoral scholars, awardees will conduct research abroad at one of the aforementioned Indo-Pacific institutions between October 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027. The period of research abroad for graduate students is 4 months and 2 months for postdoctoral scholars.

Successful awardees will receive either a scholarship (graduate student) or a fellowship (postdoctoral scholar).

The scholarship/fellowship may be held concurrently with other awards, including major external scholarships such as Tri-Council awards, as long as the external award terms do not dictate otherwise.

Eligibility

Refer to GPS [website](#) for complete details of eligibility criteria.

Nomination Instructions & Deadline

Applicants are to submit their completed application package to their department by the departmental deadline. Departments should set an earlier internal deadline to allow sufficient time to receive applications from applicants for their own internal review for completeness/eligibility, internal departmental adjudication, and submission to GPS.

Graduate student nomination(s) are to be submitted to GPS via the GSMS Awards Portal by the nomination deadline.

Regarding postdoctoral scholar nominations, departments are to email the complete application and accompanying supporting documents to grad.awards@ualberta.ca as one pdf by the nomination deadline.

Tuesday, August 4, 2026: deadline for departments to submit complete nominations to GPS via GSMS Awards Portal (graduate students) or via email to grad.awards@ualberta.ca (postdoctoral scholar applicants). Approximately 13 graduate scholarships and 5 postdoctoral fellowships are anticipated to be awarded this year.

There are no restrictions on the number of nominations departments may submit to GPS.

Once nominations have been submitted to GPS, no revisions will be permitted. Incomplete nominations, including those submitted with missing or outdated transcripts (if required), missing signatures, or missing letters will not be considered. **It is the department's responsibility to ensure that the nomination package is complete and correct in every respect before submitting to GPS. GPS will not follow up with departments for corrected documents.**

Departments are responsible for notifying their students and postdoctoral scholars on whether or not they have been nominated to GPS for this competition. GPS is not responsible for responding to student/postdoctoral inquiries related to departments' internal results statuses.

A complete nomination package **must** (except where noted) include the following, and be arranged in the following order for the postdoctoral nomination PDF:

1. **Indo-Pacific Scholarship/Fellowship** completed application form signed by the applicant only; additional attachments will not be accepted.
2. **Letter of support from U of Alberta current supervisor addressing award applicant's academic excellence and competitiveness, research productivity, publication record and expertise in the relevant field**
 - If the applicant has joint supervisors, each joint supervisor must provide a one-page letter, and the supervisors must be from different departments; letters from supervisors within the same department are not allowed.
 - All letters must be on official letterhead, signed, and dated.
 - As reference letters are confidential, these must be submitted by the referees directly to the student's/postdoctoral scholar's nominating department.
 - It is highly recommended students/postdoctoral scholars give their referee(s) a deadline at least one week prior to any application deadline to allow sufficient time and to avoid any possible delays/changes.
 - Letters exceeding the 1 page maximum will not be considered..
3. **A letter of invitation from the host Indo-Pacific institution**
 - Letter must be on official letterhead, signed, and dated
 - The Indo-Pacific institution host supervisor's full name must be specified
 - The dates of applicant's proposed research abroad (between October 1, 2026-March 31, 2027) must be specified
*graduate students are to complete a 4 month research period abroad; postdoctoral scholars are to complete a 2 month research period abroad
 - Letter should include the nature/purpose of the research visit, details on available research connections (ie research teams, faculty connections, integrations) facilities (ie laboratories) etc., and the host supervisor's experience/qualifications re: the supervision of graduate students/postdoctoral scholars
4. **Up-to-date U of Alberta transcript: (graduate student applicants only; postdoctoral scholars are not required to provide transcripts from former institutions)**
 - a) U of A unofficial transcripts (printed from Bear Tracks) will be accepted:

- U of A transcript must be up-to-date and show current full-time registration (courses/thesis in progress) if the applicant is currently registered at the time of nomination (i.e. Spring and Summer 2026 terms).
- Nominations (of graduate students) submitted with an outdated or missing U of A transcript will not be adjudicated and will be rejected. GPS will not generate an updated U of A transcript for a department nomination submitted incorrectly.

We wish applicants and departments success in the Indo-Pacific Scholarship/Fellowship competition!

Sincerely,

Awards Services