



## Application Instructions

This competition is open to graduate students (PhD and Master's thesis level) and postdoctoral scholars. Selected graduate student awardees will receive an Indo-Pacific Scholarship whereas selected postdoctoral scholar awardees will receive an Indo-Pacific Fellowship.

Applicants are to confirm their eligibility and read all information on [GPS' website](#) prior to preparing an application. Applicants wishing to apply for this competition must complete the Indo-Pacific Scholarship/Fellowship Application Form and required document attachments (as outlined on page 1 of the Application Form and in the application procedures section of our webpage), as one package and submit to their department by their own internal deadline.

GPS will not accept packages submitted directly by applicants. Applicants are to contact their proposed department regarding the department's deadline, and application and nomination status. The deadline for departments to nominate selected candidates to GPS is **Thursday, July 16, 2026**.

Before submitting this application and supporting documents to your department, applicants are to check all fields for completeness and ensure that the checklist has been reviewed (page 1 of the Application Form):

- Missing information/required form fields may render your application as incomplete and will not be reviewed.
- To complete this form, you will need Acrobat Reader. If you do not have this software, it is available FREE from [Adobe](#).
- Download the application first and save it in your desktop before filling it out. Please note that this form is secured and text format is fixed based on the presentation standards below.

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## Presentation Standards

Parts 1-7 of this application must adhere to the following presentation standards:

- Times New Roman 12 point font, single-spaced (regular, minimum 12-pt.)
- Condensed type is not acceptable.
- Applications that do not meet presentation standards may be at a disadvantage. Please remember that adjudicators are reviewing many applications, thus, consideration to font size, font type, etc. is very important.
- Only use space provided and do not exceed the maximum number of pages permitted in each section, as indicated below
- Pages in excess of the number permitted will not be assessed by the Selection Committee and will be redacted.

## Application Form

Form fields are to be completed in their entirety.

**Postdoctoral Applicants** who have previously attended or been affiliated with the U of A as a student (undergraduate/graduate/visiting/open studies) or employee in any capacity are to indicate their U of A ID, if known.

**Graduate Student Applicants** must indicate their U of A ID #.

Applicants must take into account, when applicable, diversity (gender, sex, age, culture, religion, etc.) in their proposed research (from its design to the analysis of the research findings).

### Part 2: Research Proposal (maximum of one page)

- Research proposals should demonstrate evidence of solid and wide knowledge of the discipline and must be written by the applicant
- The most effective proposals are coherent, concise, and demonstrate a clear, focused approach. Write in plain language.
- When describing your methodology, avoid jargon and overly technical language. Having someone from outside your field proofread your application is a good way to identify this issue. Proposals should be clear not only to people within the field, but also to a very general audience.
- Your statement should describe your general area of research or study and explain how it fits within a broader context.
- Clearly indicate what you hope to accomplish during the period of the award and also how you plan to accomplish it.
- Be sure to explain how your graduate research will advance theory or make an original contribution to knowledge in your field.

### Part 3: Bibliography/citations (maximum of one page)

This page is strictly for the bibliography/citations; no other information will be considered

### Part 4: Refereed Contributions, Commissioned, Juried and/or Invited Exhibitions (maximum of two pages)

- Number each item that you list.
- Do not submit your publications
- List books, book chapters, and articles appearing in refereed publications or conference proceedings first, beginning with the most recent.
- List publications of which you are the author or co-author and which are published, in press, and/or accepted for publication in refereed journals.
- Begin each entry on a new line and provide complete bibliographic notices (including co-authors, title, publisher, journal, volume, date of publication, number of pages, etc.) as they appear in the original publication. Specify your role in co-authored publications. Forthcoming publications should be listed only if they have been formally accepted for publication (indicate date of acceptance by the editor).
- Group your entries together; i.e. publications, then conference presentations, then invited talks, etc. • Asterisk (\*) each entry that has been generated while registered in your doctoral program at the University of Alberta.

- If this section (Part 4) is not applicable to you, i.e. you have no refereed publications or commissioned/juried/invited exhibitions, please be sure to indicate N/A or Not Applicable on the page provided.

**Part 5: Non-refereed Contributions (maximum of two pages)**

- Number each item that you list.
- Do not submit your publications.
- List papers in non-refereed journals, book reviews, reports, abstracts, policy papers, public lectures, and creative works.
- Begin each entry on a new line and provide complete bibliographic notices (including co-authors, title, publisher, journal, volume, date of publication, number of pages, etc.) as they appear in the original publication. Specify your role in co-authored publications. Forthcoming contributions should be listed only if they have been formally accepted for publication.
- Group your entries together; i.e. publications, then conference presentations, then reports, etc.
- Asterisk (\*) each entry that has been generated while registered in your doctoral program at the University of Alberta.
- If this section (Part 5) is not applicable, i.e. you have no non-refereed contributions, please be sure to indicate N/A or Not Applicable on the page provided.

**Part 6: Other Evidence of Scholarly and Creative Achievement and Research/Work Experience (maximum of two pages)**

- List activities—such as volunteering, mentoring, community involvement, public speaking, etc—which show your scholarly and creative achievement.
- Describe your work in sufficient detail so that adjudicators will know its stature in your discipline.
- List positions you are holding or have held, including research and teaching assistantships, relevant academic and non-academic work experience, and relevant administrative appointments.
- If this section (Part 6) is not applicable, i.e. you have no further evidence of scholarly and creative achievement or work experience, please be sure to indicate N/A or Not Applicable on the page provided.

**Part 7: Special Circumstances (only use the space provided)**

GPS asks its adjudication committees to take into consideration special circumstances that may have affected applicants' research, professional career, record of academic or research achievement, or completion of degrees. Relevant circumstances might include administrative responsibilities, maternity/parental leave, child-rearing, illness, disability, cultural or community responsibilities, socio-economic context, or health-related family responsibilities. Please specify the dates for any delays or interruptions. If this section (Part 7) is not applicable, please be sure to indicate N/A or Not Applicable on the page provided.



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| U of A ID              | Last Name                                                                                 | First Name                                                                                        |
| Home Address           |                                                                                           |                                                                                                   |
| U of A Email Address   |                                                                                           | Citizenship Status ( <i>ONLY Canadian citizens or permanent residents are eligible to apply</i> ) |
| Department             |                                                                                           |                                                                                                   |
| Current Academic Level | Date of Doctoral Degree Completion (MM/DD/YYYY) ( <i>for Postdoctoral Scholars only</i> ) |                                                                                                   |
| Title of Research      |                                                                                           |                                                                                                   |

### Required Document Checklist:

A complete application consists of:

- o Indo-Pacific Scholarship/Fellowship Application Form completed in its entirety including applicant signature/date on last page.
- o Letter of support from current U of A supervisor – letter must be on letterhead, dated and signed by the supervisor
- o Invitation letter from the host institute/supervisor (Indo-Pacific institution) – letter must be on letterhead, dated and signed. Letter must specify the full name of host supervisor and specify dates of proposed research between October 1, 2026 and March 31, 2027 (4 months duration for a graduate student; 2 months duration for a post-doctoral scholar)
- o Unofficial up-to-date University of Alberta transcript produced from Bear Tracks (must show current graduate registration at the time of nomination, if applicable i.e. Spring and Summer 2026 terms) – graduate students ONLY. Post-doctoral scholar applicants are NOT required to submit transcripts.

**Academic and Scholarships Record**

Indicate all postsecondary institutions in which you have completed a degree and where you are currently attending, starting with the most recent.

| Name of Institution | Location | Start date<br>(MM/YYYY) | End date<br>(MM/YYYY) | Degree<br>Program | Degree conferred<br>(yes/no/expected) |
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Indicate up to 10 scholarships and awards won, or any government or outside funding, starting with the most recent.

| Name of Award | Start Date<br>(e.g. Sept 2024) | End Date<br>(e.g. May 2026) | Value<br>(CDN\$) | Source of Funds<br>(i.e Institutional,<br>Provincial, Federal, etc.) |
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## Part 1: Research, Strategic Alignment, EDI & Partnership Plan

Does your research include a **Sensitive Technology Research Area**?

Yes

No

If yes, please note that a specific attestation form must be completed at a later date, if selected for this award.

Does your research involve **potential environmental effects**?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain in detail in the space provided below.

**Statement of Alignment:** Explain how your research supports Canada's Indo-Pacific Strategy and U of Alberta's leadership in robotics and artificial intelligence (AI).

**Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Statement:** Briefly describe how your research will contribute to diversity in STEM? (disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) How will you address bias in AI systems?

**Knowledge Mobilization & Partnership Plan:** Explain how you will create research linkages while abroad and how you will maintain such linkages after returning to Canada.

**Part 2: Research Proposal:** *(Please read instructions before completing this section)*

**Part 3: Bibliography/citations** *(Please read instructions before completing this section)*

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**Continuation of Part 4, if applicable**

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**Continuation of Part 5, if applicable**

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**Continuation of Part 6, if applicable**

**Part 7: Special Circumstances** *(Please read instructions before completing this section)***Part 8: Research Placement Details**

Applicants must specify their intended destination and the duration of their stay. The available research abroad period for selected awardees is from 10/01/2026 to 03/31/2027.

**Graduate students:** select a 4 month research abroad period between the aforementioned dates.

**Postdoctoral scholars:** select a 2 month period abroad between the aforementioned dates.

Target Host Institution

Proposed Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY) *(Note: Date selected must be within allowable research abroad period. See research placement details)*

Proposed End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

**Supervisor at Host Institution - Contact Information**

Last Name

First Name

Email Address

**By signing this form:**

I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application and attachments is true and that no material has been withheld.

I understand that information collected on this application form will be shared with Global Affairs Canada (GAC) and, if necessary, Canadian security agencies (CSIS, RCMP) for National Security Risk assessments.

If selected for this award, I understand that completion of a Research Agreement regarding Intellectual Property ownership and licensing must be signed before work begins.

Applicant's Signature (electronic image signature or hand-written)

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of Section 33(c) of Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for authorized purposes including admission and registration; administration of records, scholarships and awards, student services; and university planning and research. Students' personal information may be disclosed to academic and administrative units according to university policy, federal and provincial reporting requirements, data sharing agreements with student governance associations, and to contracted or public health care providers as required. For details on the use and disclosure of this information call the Faculty of Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies at 780-492-3499 or see <http://www.ipu.ualberta.ca/>