

## SAPL MEDes Thesis Writing Fellowship

### Description and Terms of Reference

The Master of Environmental Design (MEDes) Thesis Writing Fellowship enables an exceptional MEDes student in the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape to focus on completing their thesis research and writing. In addition to writing their dissertation, the MEDes Thesis Writing Fellow is expected to contribute to the research culture of the Faculty, which may include participation in SAPL research symposia, peer mentoring, community outreach and engagement, and other forms of knowledge mobilization.

Number of Awards: Normally, one award is available each year.

Eligibility: Applicants for the Fellowship must be registered as full-time students in the MEDes in the School of Architecture, Planning and landscape at the University of Calgary. They must be in good standing. Normally, this Award is limited to MEDes students who will be in their second year when the funds are used and disbursed. The recipient of this Award must be resident in the Calgary area for the term of the fellowship.

Timing: Deadline for submission of the application is April 15 of each year. Should the deadline fall on a weekend or holiday, applications will be due the next business day.

Value: \$10,000, paid in 12 monthly installments. Non-renewable.

### Application process:

Application materials to be submitted to [awards@sapl.ucalgary.ca](mailto:awards@sapl.ucalgary.ca)

Applications must include:

- 1) Application form
- 2) A 3-5 page description of the thesis, which should include background, scholarly context or literature review, research questions and objectives, methods, description of work to date, and remaining work plan;
- 3) An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae showing academic achievements (including publications, conference presentations, awards), teaching, and other experience;

Assemble items 1-3 in a single pdf or Word document and name:

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4) Two academic references. One academic reference must be from the student's supervisor, and must address the student's schedule for completion of their research and readiness to write the thesis in the coming academic year.

Should be submitted by the referees directly to [awards@sapl.ucalgary.ca](mailto:awards@sapl.ucalgary.ca)

Evaluation: The recipient of the MEDes Thesis Writing Fellowship will be selected by the SAPL Awards Committee, based upon the following criteria:

- past academic results, as demonstrated by transcripts (provided by SAPL), awards and distinctions;
- the quality and significance of the dissertation as described in the application materials, and its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge;
- clarity of work plan and likelihood of timely completion;
- relevant professional and academic experience, including research training, as demonstrated by conference presentations, scholarly publications, and other academic CV items.

Notification: The winner of this Award will be notified by email within 4 weeks of the application deadline.