We get it - money is stressful! And trying to discover how you are going to pay for your education is always at the top of a student’s mind. But not to worry! The University of Regina has a variety of different ways that you can fund your future. Last year, U of R students received over $6.7 million in awards, scholarships, and bursaries. That’s a good chunk of change!

Scholarships reward outstanding academic achievement, awards recognize extracurricular involvement or volunteerism, and bursaries assist students with financial need. Some scholarships will be automatically awarded, while others will require an application form.

The U of R offers the following automatic entrance scholarships. Students will be automatically considered for these when they apply to undergraduate programs during their grade 12 year.

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<th>TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS</th>
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<td>UR Circle of Scholars Entrance Scholarship</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
<td>• 10 awards for top domestic students in each of the identified regions within Canada who apply for admission by March 15, 2021. $5,000 in first year; renewable for additional 3 years.</td>
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<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Business Excellence Entrance Scholarship</td>
<td>$1,000</td>
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Note: EC stands for “Early Conditional”. This refers to students who apply for admission while in Grade 12. An Early Conditional Admission Average is calculated for these students, which is based on a selection of Grade 11 and 12 classes within specific categories. See our Early Conditional Admission Average calculation criteria here: [uregina.ca](http://uregina.ca/apply/admissions-requirements.ezc)

Students eligible to receive more than one automatic entrance award will only receive the higher of the two, in addition to the Business Excellence Scholarship (if applicable). Visit the SAFA website for full eligibility details and registration requirements: [www.uregina.ca/safa/awards/entrance-awards/entrance-automatic.html](http://www.uregina.ca/safa/awards/entrance-awards/entrance-automatic.html)
APPLICATION REQUIRED ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS

We have a super helpful tool called the Student Awards Management System (SAMS), which is where you will:

• search the awards database,
• apply for awards, and
• view the status of your award applications.

WHEN CAN I APPLY FOR AWARDS?

There are award competitions that run each semester! New students to the U of R, entering studies for the first time in Fall 2021, will be eligible to apply for scholarships starting mid-January until the deadline of March 15, 2021.

There are many awards for current students as well! You will want to return to SAMS each semester for the duration that you are a U of R student. Be sure to check the specific deadlines for each award competition here: www.uregina.ca/safa/awards/deadlines.html

SAMS ENTRANCE AWARD APPLICATION WORKSHOPS 2021

Thursday, Feb 18 @5:00 PM
Tuesday, Feb 23 @4:00 PM
Thursday, Mar 2 @4:00 PM
Monday, Mar 8 @5:00 PM

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS?

There are many awards and each of them have different eligibility criteria or requirements that you must meet in order to receive the award. Some awards may specify that you have leadership experience, or that you have been involved with community organizations. Other awards may be based on financial need, program of study, or admission average requirements. In short, there are awards for everyone - so, ensure that you pay attention to the eligibility criteria of each award and apply using SAMS!

HOW DOES SAMS WORK?

You can view and apply for awards on SAMS. In order to apply, you will need to create an account. We offer award application workshops to show you how to navigate the database. In these workshops, we also provide information on how to search for awards and effectively apply for them. You can simply log into a Zoom session on a date that works for you. Parents and supporters are also welcome to attend!

Can’t attend a workshop? Check out our online tutorials, or connect with us! Tutorials are found here: www.uregina.ca/safa/awards/SAMS/Help.html

All 2021 SAMS Entrance Award Application Workshops will be hosted remotely through Zoom. Each session is booked for two hours. All times are in the Saskatchewan time zone (CST). To attend, click here: www.uregina.ca/safa/announcements-workshops.html

FEDERATED COLLEGE AWARDS

Students who are enrolled through Campion College, First Nations University of Canada, or Luther College are eligible to apply for extra awards administered by their Federated College. These awards can be combined with the awards from the University of Regina. Each Federated College has information on their website about how to apply, in addition to their award application deadlines. Click on the Federated College of your choice below to explore their scholarship offerings.

• Campion College
• First Nations University of Canada
• Luther College

EXTERNAL AWARDS FOR UNIVERSITY OF REGINA STUDENTS

There are a number of additional external awards that are available to U of R students. These awards are posted on the Executive Offices website. For example, the Rhodes Scholarship is available to qualified U of R students through a pre-application process. You can find the additional listing of external awards here: www.uregina.ca/president/awards-funding/external-awards.html
STUDENT LOANS

In Canada, student financial assistance, or student loans, are available from the federal and provincial/territorial governments. There are two main forms of assistance available: loans and grants. Student loans must be paid back whereas grants, in most cases, do not need to be repaid.

You apply for government student assistance in your home province, even if you are planning to study in another province. Government student assistance is intended to help you pay for your education. The amount of assistance available will depend on your personal and family situation and can only be determined after you have submitted an application.

CANADA-SASKATCHEWAN INTEGRATED STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM

The Canada-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loan Program allows Saskatchewan residents to apply for both federal and provincial student loans using one application form. Recent changes to the student financial assistance program are making post-secondary education more accessible for low and middle income students by providing more non-repayable and affordable repayment options.

STUDENT LOAN ELIGIBILITY

- Resident of the province of Saskatchewan, as defined by the program
- Canadian citizen, permanent resident or designated as a Protected Person
- Demonstrate financial need according to program criteria
- Pass a credit check if you are over 22 years of age and applying for student financial assistance for the first time
- Have not exhausted the lifetime maximum student financial assistance limit
- Not in default on a previous student loan
- Enrolled or qualified to enrol as a full-time post-secondary student at a designated school in an approved program which is at least 12 weeks in length. If your program is 6-11 weeks, you may be eligible if the short program is part of a longer program

HOW TO APPLY

You can apply online or download a paper application from the Saskatchewan Student Loans website. A new application is required at the start of each academic year (for example, an academic year is September 1 to April 30, but you must use the actual dates of each year on the application). Once you submit your application, you can monitor your application status online. After your loan has been assessed, you will find out what type of funding you are eligible to receive (loan and/or grant), the amount of money you will receive, and when you can expect to receive the money. This is communicated through a “Notice of Assessment” on your portal account.

FULL-TIME REQUIREMENTS

We will need to confirm you are in full-time courses, which is a minimum of 9 credit hours per term (6 credit hours for students with a registered disability). The U of R will review your tuition and fees on your account, and request the funds from the Government to cover either one term or two-terms, depending on what type of a loan you have applied for. Any excess funds will be deposited to your bank account by the Government, along with any monthly payments you have been deemed eligible to receive. After you have received your loan funding, it is important to be aware that any changes in registration could affect future funding. You are encouraged to contact our office at any time to discuss what impact dropping a class after you have received funding may have on your loan.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/student-loans

Want to know more?
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Website: https://www.uregina.ca/safa/index.html