Welcome to the University of Regina! As a new student, you should know that there are many funding options to help our students pay for their education. Last year, U of R students received over 6.7 million dollars in awards, scholarships, and bursaries! That’s a good chunk of change!

How do I apply for 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
- View the status of your award applications

When can I apply for awards?
There are award competitions that run every term! New U of R students entering studies for the first time this Fall 2021 will be able to apply starting January 15, 2021 until the deadline of March 15, 2021. However, there are many awards for current and continuing students, so you will want to keep coming back to SAMS each semester while you are a U of R student. Be sure to check the specific deadlines for each award competition.

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 that award. Awards may specify that you have leadership experience, or that you have been involved with community organizations. Other awards are given to students based on financial need, program, or average. Basically, there are awards for everyone so take a look at the eligibility criteria, and apply using SAMS!

How does SAMS work?
You can view awards on SAMS, and apply for awards, too. In order to apply, you will need to create an account. We offer award application workshops to show you how to use SAMS. In these workshops you will learn how to search and apply for awards. You can simply log on to a Zoom session that works for you. Parents are welcome to attend these workshops, too! If our scheduled times do not work for you, please call our office for help or check out our online tutorials.
**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 in addition to the University of Regina awards. Each Federated College has information on their websites about how to apply and the award application deadlines.

**Public or Private Awards**

There are many other opportunities for funding aside from U of R awards. For example, you could qualify for awards through your parent’s or spouse’s workplace. There are also awards that are open to students from any institution and here are just a few websites to get your search started:

- Scholarships Canada
- Universities Canada
- Disability Awards
- Yconic
- Academic Invest
- Government of Saskatchewan

**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 throughout the year. For example, the Rhodes Scholarship is available to qualified U of R students through a pre-application process.

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**STUDENT LOANS**

Canada Student Loans are a great option to help you pay for your education. When you apply for Canada Student Loans, you are automatically assessed for loans, grants, and the Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship (if a Saskatchewan resident). Applications for student loans are available online. Students must remain registered in a minimum of 9 credit hours* per semester to be considered for full-time funding. Find out how much government funding you could be eligible for with the Student Financial Assistance Estimator.

*6 credit hours for students with a permanent disability

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**BUDGETING**

It is important that you know what your educational expenses are going to be, and what sources of income you will have access to. Do you have personal savings, or are you going to be receiving sponsorship from a funding agency? Are you applying for student loans, bursaries, or awards? Create a budget using one of the many budget templates online, or use a budgeting app.

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