

Special Graduate Support Award for Research **Guidelines**

Objective

The objective of the Special Graduate Support Award for Research is to support students whose ability to support themselves has been negatively impacted by Covid-19. This award is intended to assist researchers with the development and implementation of research projects.

Overview of the Research Award

The Special Graduate Support Award for Research competition is valued at \$3,000. Eligible expenses include wages or stipends for graduate research assistants, and course fees for related training. Travel costs for training and for conferences are not eligible. The funding period is May 1, 2020 – August 1, 2020.

Eligibility

- Students who have been financially affected by the restrictions imposed due to the Covid-19 health crisis (e.g. lost an employment opportunity).
- Priority will be given to those most affected financially. The award may be used to supplement other support.
- Offer of position by a faculty member to work on a research project.
- Must be planning to register in classes at UNBC in the Fall semester.

Evaluation Criteria

Applications will be assessed using the following criteria:

- Demonstrated need for support by the student.
- Clear and reasonable budget, reflecting eligible expenses.
- Confirmed faculty supervisor.

Application process

- The deadline for submission of applications is **April 15, 2020**.
- Submission will include:
 - Student applicant: brief letter describing how you have been financially impacted by Covid-19, and a statement of interest in working on the research project.
 - Faculty member: brief statement indicating a willingness to supervise the student, a brief description of the research project, including the importance of the project and how this funding may support future external grant applications, and a budget showing how the Special graduate Support funds will be used.
- All applications are to be emailed to the Office of Research at research@unbc.ca.
- Applications decisions will be rendered by **April 30, 2020**.