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300.1 UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

At Concordia University, undergraduate scholarships, bursaries, and awards are overseen and administered by the Undergraduate Scholarship and Awards Committee, as mandated by the Office of the Vice-Provost Teaching and Learning, and the Associate Vice-President Registrarial Services and University Registrar. The Undergraduate Scholarship and Awards Committee is composed of a Chairperson, four faculty members, one member from Student and Enrolment Services, one Concordia Student Union member, one member of the Concordia Council on Student Life, as well as managerial staff from the Financial Aid and Awards Office.

Students may hold **only one** of the following types of awards during a given academic year:

- Entrance Scholarships
- Entrance Bursaries
- In-Course Scholarships
- In-Course Bursaries

Holding more than one of these scholarships or bursaries is not allowed unless expressly authorized by the Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards Committee.

The majority of scholarships, bursaries, and awards are available to full-time students in bachelor's programs, who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents. Further information is available on the Financial Aid and Awards Office website at faao.concordia.ca. Scholarship, award, and bursary programs are active during the regular session only. Regular session is defined in §16.1.1 as the fall and winter terms of a given academic year. No scholarships, awards, or bursaries are issued during the summer term.

Full-time and part-time status for all scholarships, bursaries, and awards is determined according to candidates' credit load over the regular session only (i.e. fall and winter). Where scholarship, award, and bursary programs are concerned, summer-session credit loads cannot be combined with fall/winter credits in the determination of full-time or part-time status. In general, registration in a total of 24 credits or more during the regular session equates to full-time status, while registration in less than 24 credits equates to part-time status. As a number of scholarships, awards, and bursaries are issued in two equal instalments during the regular session (one instalment in fall, and one instalment in winter), candidates are generally advised to enrol in a minimum of 12 credits in the fall term, and another 12 credits in the winter term in order to maintain their eligibility for those scholarships, bursaries, and awards which require full-time status.

Authorized co-op work terms and exchange programs are normally considered equivalent to full-time on-campus registration. Wherever possible, clients of the Access Centre for Students with Disabilities who are registered in a part-time credit load may be considered as full-time students in the event of candidacy for scholarships, awards, and bursaries.

Scholarships

Entrance Scholarships are available to full-time students entering university studies for the first time. Candidates are selected by Faculties/Schools in co-operation with the Financial Aid and Awards Office, and in certain cases, in co-operation with academic departments as well. Selection is automatic, based on academic ranking as assigned by the University in the course of admission file processing. For some entrance scholarships, selection is based on submission of a portfolio and/or other specific materials. Only selected candidates are notified. Most entrance scholarships are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents only; however, a growing number of these awards are open to, but not restricted to, International students.

In-Course Scholarships are available to students who have completed the previous academic year in full-time study at Concordia University. A limited number are open to part-time students. The majority are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents only; however, a growing number of these awards are open to, but not restricted to, International students. Most in-course scholarships are automatically awarded by the Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards Committee on the basis of the student's grade point average achieved at Concordia during the preceding academic year. Some in-course scholarships require students to apply; others have additional eligibility criteria such as contribution to student life, or enrolment in a particular study discipline.

Bursaries

Entrance Bursaries are available to students entering university studies for the first time. They require completion of an entrance bursary application form, which must be submitted along with various supporting documents directly to the Financial Aid and Awards Office. Eligibility is determined following a financial needs test, a review of the candidate's academic ranking as assigned during admission application processing, and an appreciation of the applicant's personal statements on the entrance bursary application form. Most entrance bursaries are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents only; however, a growing number of these awards are open to, but not restricted to, International students.

In-Course Bursaries are available to students who have completed at least one academic year of studies in their undergraduate program at Concordia University. The majority of in-course bursaries are restricted to full-time students; however, a limited number are open to part-time students. Most are available to Canadian citizens and permanent residents only; however, a growing number

of these awards are open to, but not restricted to, International students. In-course bursaries are awarded on the basis of acceptable academic standing (minimum annual grade point average of 2.00), financial need, and applicants' personal statements. Other eligibility requirements or conditions may apply in some cases. The in-course bursary program is not open to newly admitted students in their first year of studies at the University.

Awards

Awards are generally similar to scholarships, except that they have one or more additional eligibility criteria, such as a letter of intent or an applicant statement, contribution to student life at the University, or a particular level of performance in a certain course. Most are restricted to students in particular degrees or concentrations. In many cases, there is no specific grade point average requirement, although all candidates must be in satisfactory academic standing. All awards are of the in-course type, either under the in-course scholarships or in-course bursaries rosters, open to currently enrolled students. Selection is made by the Financial Aid and Awards Office. In some cases, selection is also made on the advice of University departments, according to the eligibility specifications of each award.

External Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards

A number of corporations, industries, and public or private organizations outside of Concordia University have various scholarships, bursaries, and award programs available to Concordia students. These external bodies include NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada), AUCC (Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada), and many others. Eligibility criteria vary greatly. Current and upcoming external scholarships, bursaries, and awards are described in information bulletins posted at the Financial Aid and Awards Office.

Information for New Donors: Establishing New Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards at Concordia University

The Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards Committee and the Financial Aid and Awards Office would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation to the ever-growing number of donors and sponsors who provide generous support and recognition to students through the establishment of undergraduate scholarships, bursaries, and awards every year at Concordia University. These programs not only greatly contribute to the academic and personal success of students today, but they also serve as a solid foundation for tomorrow's achievements.

Donors wishing to establish new scholarships, bursaries, and awards for undergraduate students are encouraged to contact the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations. Please visit the *Giving to Concordia* section of the main Concordia University website for information on establishing new awards, and other meaningful ways of supporting Concordia University and its students.

300.2 ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

For the current list of entrance scholarships available, as well as more information about each of the awards, please visit the Financial Aid and Awards Office website at concordia.ca/offices/faao.

300.3 ENTRANCE BURSARIES

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