

Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Eric Milner Graduate Scholarship and Prize

This scholarship and prize are to commemorate and honour the life of Eric Milner, who was devoted to mathematics and to sharing his knowledge with others. The scholarship is made possible through an endowment by family, friends and colleagues of Eric Milner.

Donor Description

Scholarship: family, friends and colleagues of Eric Milner

Prize: Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Value

Scholarship: \$4,200 (estimated value only, the Faculty of Graduate Studies confirms the value when the award is disbursed).

Prize: nominal (an award may be financed from Departmental resources, subject to availability of funds).

Duration

Scholarship: one year, renewable in competition.

Prize: one year, nonrenewable. The Prize will only be awarded once to a student.

Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

The Scholarship and the Prize are open to candidates who at the time of tenure will be registered as full-time students in a graduate thesis program in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at the University of Calgary and whose thesis is related to some aspect of mathematics. The successful candidate should have demonstrated not only expertise in mathematics but also a capacity to share this expertise with others, interacting with faculty members and other graduate students. While published work is not a requirement, it certainly is a positive factor in consideration of the award. Both the Scholarship and Prize recognize excellence.

The Scholarship is subject to Faculty of Graduate Studies funding rules. There is no such restriction on the Prize, but normally, the Prize will only be awarded in the event that the candidate selected for the Scholarship is deemed ineligible to receive the Scholarship under Faculty of Graduate Studies funding rules.

Application Deadline

April 30 of any given year.

Application Information

The Eric Milner Scholarship and Eric Milner Prize are subject to one application procedure. Students applying for the Milner Scholarship will automatically be considered for the Milner Prize.

Eligible students should apply for the Milner Scholarship and Prize by e-mail to the Graduate Program Administrator. The e-mail should include the following:

- Applicant's name
- Applicant's student ID number
- A statement that the applicant is applying for the Milner Scholarship and Prize
- A declaration allowing the Milner Scholarship and Prize Committee access to the applicant's TA or teaching evaluations from the two most recent terms during which they taught
- A one-page proposal (as an attachment, in PDF format) which should describe briefly the research interests of the applicant as well as provide evidence of the applicant's ability to share her/his expertise with faculty and students

In addition, all applicants should request that their supervisor or instructor of record forward to the Graduate Program Administrator a letter of reference which speaks to the applicant's teaching capabilities and ability to share knowledge of mathematics with others.

Evaluation Process

Each year, the Department of Mathematics and Statistics shall strike a small Eric Milner Scholarship and Prize Committee that should normally include a member of Eric Milner's family in order to determine the recipient of this scholarship or prize. Applications, including the proposal, supervisor/instructor letter of reference and teaching evaluations from the two most recent academic terms will be reviewed by this Committee.

Conditions

The Eric Milner Scholarship and Prize Committee will nominate at most one candidate for the Eric Milner Scholarship. This nomination will be forwarded to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship Office. The Milner Committee's recommendation is subject to final approval by the Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship Committee. If deemed eligible under Faculty of Graduate Studies funding rules, the Scholarship recipient will be notified of the award by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, usually during June or July.

If, in the opinion of the Milner Scholarship and Prize Committee, no suitable candidate for the Scholarship can be found, it reserves the right not to recommend any award the scholarship in any year.

The Milner Prize will normally only be granted in the event that no Milner Scholarship applicant is deemed eligible for the Scholarship under Faculty of Graduate Studies funding rules. The decision on awarding Prize in any given year is solely at the discretion of the Milner Scholarship and Prize Committee.

The recipient of the Scholarship or Prize will be invited to present a colloquium lecture in the September following the awarding of this scholarship by the Faculty of Graduate Studies Scholarship Office.