

**University Policy No.:** AC1130  
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on recommendation of Senate  
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## STUDENT AWARDS

### PURPOSE

- 1.00 The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the establishment and governance of student awards by the university.

### POLICY

- 2.00 Student awards established by the university are approved by the Board of Governors upon the recommendation of Senate.

### Acceptance Criteria

- 3.00 Student awards must fulfill one or more of the following criteria:
- (a) provide incentives for students to select the university;
  - (b) recognize and promote academic excellence in the student body;
  - (c) assist students in overcoming financial barriers that could otherwise jeopardize the successful completion of their studies; or
  - (d) support the university's goal to recruit and retain a diverse group of exceptionally talented students.

### Terms of Reference

- 4.00 Each student award shall have written terms of reference that set out the criteria for the award and must:
- (a) comply with relevant legislation;
  - (b) be consistent with the university's vision, mission and values;
  - (c) comply with pertinent university policies, procedures, and academic regulations; and
  - (d)

### **Social Responsibility**

6.00 A member of the university community who has a concern about a particular proposed award on the basis of social responsibility may submit a written statement of concern to the Secretary of Senate.

6.01 The Senate Committee on Awards will consider, on behalf of Senate, matters of social responsibility regarding proposed student awards in accordance with its procedural guidelines and will make a final recommendation to Senate.

### **AUTHORITIES AND OFFICERS**

7.00 The authorities and officers for this policy are:

- i) Approving Authority: Board of Governors upon the recommendation of Senate
- ii) Designated Executive Officer: Vice-President Academic and Provost
- iii) Procedural Authority: Vice-President Academic and Provost
- iv) Procedural Officer: Vice-President Academic and Provost

### **RELEVANT LEGISLATION**

*University Act*

*British Columbia Human Rights Code*

### **RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS**

Policy on Human Rights, Equity and Fairness (GV0200)

Donations and Fundraising Policy (ER4105)

Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Calendars

Senate Committee on Awards Terms of Reference and Procedural Guidelines

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