



## EMERGING SCHOLAR GRADUATE AWARD

### Call for Applications

#### Description

This award recognizes students who show great promise for research within Education. This award targets students who may have not had many opportunities to engage in research but have demonstrated their promise for research through their writing, creative work, presentations, or other venues during their tenure within DISE. Applicants must have a reference letter from a DISE professor or course instructor who has taught or worked with the student. This award is given annually as determined by the Graduate Program Committee (GPC). The GPC reserves the right not to make an award.

#### Amount of award

Minimum value for MA student: \$500; minimum value for PhD student: \$1,000

#### Deadline

Application deadline: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 11:59 PM

Reference Letter deadline: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 11:59 PM

**\*\* To apply**, please send your application to the following email address: [grad.dise@mcgill.ca](mailto:grad.dise@mcgill.ca)

- Please place all the required components of the application in the order they appear below (in the Requirements Section) in a single PDF file.
  - Please use the following format to name your application:  
**STUDENTNAME\_awardname\_2023.pdf**
- **\*\*However**, please make sure that your letter of support is sent directly by your referee (to the same email address).
  - Please ask your referee to use the following format to name their letter:  
**LetterofSupport\_STUDENTNAME\_awardname\_2023.pdf**

#### Eligibility

- Full-time PhD students, MA-thesis students in DISE, regardless of citizenship.
- MA students can be in any year of their program.
- PhD students must be in the first three years of their program.
- Students cannot hold or have held during their degree an external scholarship from SSHRC, CGS, FRQSC, or a similar agency.
- Students cannot be at or exceed the departmental funding cap, as stipulated in the DISE Funding Guidelines.



- Students cannot be in a “thesis evaluation” term.
- PhD students must have submitted their progress tracking reports at the time of the award submission deadline.
- Preference will be given to students who have not previously received this award.
- **Incomplete applications, late applications or applications that do not adhere to the requirements (e.g., page limits) will not be considered.**

## Requirements

**Application packages must include the following items** (All items should be single-spaced, 12-point Times New Roman font, 1-inch margins):

1. A summary of the applicant’s plans for their research and how their research will inform their long-term goals to make an impact (max. 1 page). The summary may also include other experiences (leadership, etc.) that speak to the applicant’s potential to engage in their research and disseminate research to academic or non-academic communities.
2. A letter from a DISE professor/course instructor (max. 1 page), describing the following:
  - The applicant’s suitability and/or merit for the award (i.e., promise in research)
  - Evidence of the applicant’s promise in research, particularly since arriving at McGill
  - An evaluation of the applicant’s work in relation to other students of similar backgrounds
  - a clear rationale as to why we should select the applicant.
3. One example of the applicant’s exemplary work showing their promise in research. Additional examples will not be accepted. Examples include but are not limited to:
  - Course paper
  - Conference paper
  - Creative output



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**Checklist for Applicants**

*Note: A separate, specific checklist must be attached to each application for each award.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Full-time Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_ PhD \_\_\_\_\_ MA Thesis

Materials Attached

\_\_\_\_\_ Summary (max. 1 page)

\_\_\_\_\_ Reference letter from DISE professor/course instructor (max. 1 page)

Name of Referee: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ One example of applicant's exemplary work



## EMERGING SCHOLAR GRADUATE AWARD Committee Evaluation Checklist

**Instructions to Applicant: Fill in top three lines only.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Criterion	Unsatisfactory (1)	Satisfactory (2)	Excellent (3)	N/A
<b>SUMMARY OF RESEARCH</b>				
• Includes a clear plan for research				
• Research plans are clearly connected to the applicant's long-term goals, including dissemination of research to non-academic communities				
<b>REFERENCE LETTER</b>				
• Speaks strongly to the applicant's promise in research				
• Provides compelling and concrete evidence of the applicant's promise in research, particularly since arriving at McGill				
• High ranking of the applicant's work in relation to other students of similar backgrounds				
• Provides a clear rationale as to why we should select the student				
<b>EXAMPLE OF WORK</b>				
• Demonstrates clear potential for research, as articulated in the nominating letter				
<b>Total:</b>				

**For office use only**

**Reviewer Name:**

**Date:**