



Information Sheet

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Governor General Gold Medal

Eligibility

- Every graduate program will normally make one nomination for the Gold Medal, upon receipt of nominations from various supervisors to the graduate program.
- The nomination must be made by, and supported by, the Chair of the Graduate Program or Graduate Committee if NRES, MCPMS or IDIS.
- Graduation GPA should normally be above 4.10.
Note: The GPA calculation will not include: transfer credit; any courses over and above the approved minimum degree requirements or otherwise taken as 'extra' to the degree; any courses that are below the degree level being attained (e.g. undergraduate courses taken during the course of a student's UNBC Master's or Doctoral degree).

Committee

The selection committee will comprise of the Deans and the Vice President Research and Innovation. The committee is chaired by the Vice President Research and Innovation.

Selection Criteria

The nomination of the Graduate Program (or Committee) Chair will include an evaluation of the following criteria:

1. Quality and significance of the project/thesis/dissertation (60%);
2. Professional activity of the candidate (e.g., conference participation, publication record, additional research, etc.) (20%); and
3. GPA (20%).

Note: The weighting of specific criteria may differ according to the nature of the graduate degree (e.g. PhD, professional Master's) in order that every nominee is given the fairest consideration.

Required Documents

A complete nomination package will contain the following:

- A joint letter from the internal supervisory committee that outlines clearly and succinctly the quality and impact of the nominee's research (1-2 pages maximum).
- A supporting letter from the external examiner that speaks to the potential of the nominee's work (1-2 pages maximum); and
- An annotated CV.