

LIBRARY PRIZE FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH COMPETITION

OFFICIAL RULES

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

1. **COMPETITION:** The Library Prize for Undergraduate Research Competition (the "Competition") is conducted by The Governors of the University of Alberta ("University") and administered on behalf of the University by the University of Alberta Library ("UAL"). The purpose of the Competition is to recognize excellence in academic research that makes substantive use of library resources, in accordance with the eligibility criteria as set out in these Official Rules.
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** To be eligible for the Competition (an "Eligible Entrant") you must:
 - a. Be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
 - b. Be a University undergraduate student from any University campus at the time of the award, regardless of being a full-time or part-time student; and
 - c. Not graduate before May 31, 2027.

You are not eligible for the Competition if you are a resident of Quebec. Also, you are not eligible if you are a full-time employee of the UAL, including a member of the immediate family (defined as mother, father, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters and husband or wife, regardless of where they reside) or household of any of the above persons, their respective affiliates, agents, licensors, associates or representatives. All decisions regarding eligibility to enter this Competition and the Entry Submissions will be determined by the University its sole discretion. This Competition is void where prohibited by law.

3. **NUMBER, APPROXIMATE VALUE OF PRIZE AND CHANCES OF WINNING:** There are three (3) prizes available to be won in this Competition (the "Prize"; collectively the "Prizes"). The Prizes are described in paragraph 9 below. The chances of winning a Prize will depend on the number of Eligible Entrants received in accordance with these Official Rules during the Entry Period as defined herein.
4. **COMPETITION SCHEDULE:** This Competition commences on Monday, November 23, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. (Edmonton time) and closes on Friday, April 30, 2027 at 12:00 p.m. (Edmonton time) (the "Entry Period"). Entry Submissions must be received by the University before the Competition closing time, which is Friday, April 30, 2027 at 12:00 p.m. (Edmonton Time) (the "Competition Closing Time") to be eligible to win a Prize.
5. **HOW TO ENTER:** No purchase is necessary to enter this Competition. To enter, the following rules apply:
 - a. Eligible Entrants must complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/i6QesbjNxuJjYJeGA> providing their name, email address and Student ID number to enter the Competition (the "Entry Submission"). The Entry Submission is only complete when the instructor form has also been submitted: <https://forms.gle/NTfNyis5M1TDtiT26>. The Entry Submission must also note the project or assignment ("Submission") completed for a course at the University in the past academic year, which includes work completed in Spring/Summer terms (e.g., Spring/Summer 2026, Fall 2026, Winter 2027);
 - b. The project or assignment submitted must have a research component and a bibliography or reference list to qualify;
 - c. For group entries, all members of the group must be undergraduate students. No Entry Submissions are eligible if the project is in collaboration with faculty, grad students, etc.
 - d. Eligible Entrants may only enter the Competition once, whether it be as an individual or as part of a group.

Once submitted, all Entry Submissions become the property of the University and will not be returned. All Entry Submissions will be reviewed, and any Entry Submissions which are deemed to be late, illegible, incomplete, inaccurate, inappropriate, offensive, plagiarized, subject to copyright or other intellectual property considerations, do not meet the Alberta *Protection of Privacy Act* ("POPA") or privacy considerations, as set out in paragraph 19 herein, and otherwise, or which are deemed to not enhance the reputation of the University, will be disqualified. The determination of whether an Entry Submission is illegible, incomplete, offensive, late, or deemed not to enhance the reputation of the University will be in the sole discretion of the University.

6. **COMPETITION DETAILS:** The Entry Submissions will be adjudicated to determine the winners on Friday, May 21, 2027 at 12:00 p.m. (Edmonton Time).

Each Entry Submission will be judged by the Library Research Prize Committee ("LRPC") on the research project out of twelve (12) points, using the rubric as outlined below:

- a. Integrations of library resources (/6); and
- b. Citation and bibliography (/6).

Each Entry Submission will also be judged by the LRPC on the reflective statement out of thirty (30) points, using the rubric as outlined below:

- a. Research project topic and importance (/6);
- b. Search process (/6);
- c. Evaluating information sources (/6);
- d. Library services and supports (/6); and
- e. Learning through the research process (/6).

The Eligible Entrants whose Entry Submissions are selected and have complied with these Official Rules, including without limitation the provisions of paragraph 8 will be declared the Winners. If necessary, should a Prize be unclaimed, or should a Winner be unwilling, unable or ineligible to win the Prize as set out in these Official Rules, the Prize will be forfeited and the University shall have the right, but not the obligation, to select, as replacement only, an additional prize winner. All participants (including without limitation Eligible Entrants and the Winners) must comply with these Official Rules. The determination of the Winners by the University is final and binding. No communication with Eligible Entrants will be entered into except with the Winners, which will be selected in accordance with these Official Rules. All matters related to the Competition and the verification of the eligibility of the Eligible Entrants and the Winners will be conducted by the University, or by persons designated by the University in its sole and absolute discretion. All decisions made by the University in this regard are final and binding and cannot be challenged.

7. **NOTIFICATION:** The University will notify the Winners via the email address supplied by the Eligible Entrants on the Entry Submissions immediately following the selections on Friday, May 21, 2027 at 12:00 p.m. (Edmonton time). If a Winner does not contact the University by Saturday, May 29, 2027 by 12:00 p.m. (Edmonton time), the University shall have the right, but not the obligation, to select an alternative Winner(s).
8. **DECLARATION OF WINNER:** The Eligible Entrants will not be declared the winners in accordance with these Official Rules unless and until:
 - a. The University has determined that the winners are Eligible Entrants pursuant to these Official Rules; and
 - b. The Eligible Entrants correctly answer a skill-testing question as set out in these Official Rules.

Once these requirements have taken place, the Eligible Entrants will be declared the winners (the "Winner"; collectively the "Winners").

9. **PRIZE:** There will be three (3) Prizes being:
 - a. Two (2) Individual Student Awards:
 - i. 1st place in the amount of \$1,250.00 (CDN);
 - ii. Honourable Mention in the amount of \$750.00 (CDN); and
 - b. One (1) Group Student Award, in the amount of \$1,500.00 (CDN) to be shared amongst the members of the group.

The Prizes are not transferable and must be accepted as awarded with no substitutions, except at the University's sole discretion. The University reserves the right to substitute a Prize of equivalent monetary value if the University is unable to award a Prize as described. The University will not be responsible; however, if factors beyond the University's reasonable control prevents a Prize from being fulfilled. In any such event, the Winners will not be provided with a substitute prize or cash equivalent. The Winners will be contacted within two (2) weeks of notification for the Prizes to be disbursed directly to the verified Winners in June 2027 prior to graduation.

10. **COMPETITION MODIFICATION OR CANCELLATION:** The University reserves the right, without prior notice and at any time, to delay, or terminate the Competition, in whole or in part, or modify, suspend, amend or extend the Competition in any way, in its sole discretion including without limitation if the University determines that the Competition is not practicable or is impaired or corrupted or that fraud or technical problems, failures or malfunctions (including without limitation, computer viruses, glitches or printing or production errors) have destroyed or severely undermined the proper conduct, integrity, and/or feasibility of the Competition. In the event the University is prevented from continuing with the Competition as contemplated herein by any event beyond its control, including but not limited to fire, flood,

natural or man-made epidemic, earthquake, explosion, labour dispute or strike, act of God or public enemy, riot or civil disturbance, terrorist threat or activity, war or any federal, provincial or local government law, order, or regulation, public health crisis, the order of any court or jurisdiction, or by any other cause not reasonably within the University's control (each a "Force Majeure" event), then subject to any governmental approval which may be required, the University shall have the right to modify, suspend, extend or terminate the Competition.

- 11. PARTICIPATION:** Participation in this Competition constitutes an agreement by each participant to comply with these Official Rules.
- 12. DISQUALIFICATION:** It is the participant's responsibility to ensure that he/she has complied in full with all of the conditions and requirements contained in these Official Rules. If any Eligible Entrant or Entry Submission is found to be ineligible, or if an Eligible Entrant has not complied with these Official Rules or declines the Prize for any reason prior to award, such Eligible Entrant or Entry Submission will be disqualified and, in the University's sole discretion, an alternate Winner may be selected. No mechanically reproduced, illegible, incomplete, forged, software generated or other automated multiple entries will be accepted. The University reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who is found to be tampering or attempting to tamper with the entry process or the operation of the Competition; to be acting in violation of these Official Rules; or to be acting in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner, or with the intent to disrupt or undermine the legitimate operation of this Competition, or to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any other person.
- 13. RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION:** By entering the Competition, each participant: (a) releases and agrees to hold the University and its respective directors, officers, employees, and agents harmless from and against any and all costs, injuries, losses or damages of any kind, including, without limitation, bodily injury and property damage, or any other damage or loss, due in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, to participation in this Competition, any Competition related activity, or from acceptance, possession, use or misuse of any Prize, or participation in any Prize related activity; and (b) agrees to fully indemnify the University and its respective directors, officers, employees, and agents from any and all claims on the part of any third party or parties related in any way and for any reason to the Competition or the Prize including, without limitation, death, and personal or property damage or injury.
- 14. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** The University assumes no responsibility or liability for incorrect, damaged, illegible, incomplete, mutilated, spoiled, destroyed, stolen, misplaced, lost, late, misdirected or incomplete Entry Submissions, which may be judged void, any notifications, responses, replies, or for any computer, telephone, hardware, software or technical malfunctions that may occur. The University assumes no responsibility for any theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, Entry Submissions. The University is not responsible for any injury or damage to participants in this Competition.
- 15. PUBLICITY RELEASE:** By entering this Competition, each participant who submits an Entry Submission, hereby agrees and grants to the University, without further compensation, the unrestricted rights, but not the obligation, to use the entirety of the Entry Submission, as set out in these official rules and otherwise, and to use his/her name, picture, portrait, likeness, voice, along with his/her address (City and Province) and any statements made by or attributed to such Eligible Entrants, or other individuals associated with an Entry Submission, in any and all media, now known or hereafter devised, without notice, review or approval, in perpetuity and throughout the universe, and for educational, advertising and promotional purposes in connection with the Competition, and any other promotions and programs, whatsoever, without further notice or compensation and hereby releases the University from any liability with respect thereto.
- 16. COMPETITION RULES AND LAWS:** These are the official rules (the "Official Rules"). This Competition is governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta and federal laws of Canada applicable therein and the parties hereby attorn to the jurisdiction of the courts of the Province of Alberta. In the event a court determines that this Choice of Law clause is invalid or unenforceable as against an Entry Submission, such Entry Submission will be void. These Official Rules are subject to change without notice in order to comply with any applicable federal, provincial and municipal laws or the policy of any other entity having jurisdiction over the University. These Official Rules, as amended from time to time, will be posted at:
<https://www.ualberta.ca/en/library/about/undergraduate-research-prize.html>
- 17. CONSTRUCTION:** Words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of these Official Rules shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. In the event that any provision is determined to be invalid or otherwise unenforceable or illegal, these Official Rules shall otherwise remain in effect and be construed in accordance with their terms as if the invalid or

illegal provision were not contained in these Official Rules. Headings and captions are used in these Official Rules solely for ease of reference, and shall not be deemed to affect in any manner the meaning or intent of these Official Rules or any provision hereof. These Official Rules cannot be modified or amended in any way except in writing by a duly authorized representative of the University. Employees of the University are not authorized to modify, amend or waive these Official Rules.

- 18. PRIVACY:** The personal information requested pursuant to these Official Rules is collected, used and disclosed under the authority of the *Alberta Protection of Privacy Act* ("POPA") and will be protected in accordance with Part 1 of that Act. It will be collected, used and disclosed for the purpose of administration of the Competition. All personal information collected for the purposes of administration of the Competition will be retained for two (2) years from the closing of the Competition. Direct any questions about this collection, use or disclosure to: Megan Kennedy at mrkenned@ualberta.ca.