



**Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies**  
Killam Centre for Advanced Studies  
2-29 Triffo Hall, University of Alberta  
Edmonton, AB, Canada T6G 2E1

T 780.492.9460  
F 780.492.0692  
[ualberta.ca/graduate-studies](http://ualberta.ca/graduate-studies)

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025

To: Department Chairs, Graduate Coordinators, Graduate Program Administrators

From: Award Services, Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies

Re: **2026 Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS) Blair Spearman Doctoral Prize**

GPS is now accepting nominations for the 2026 [CMS Blair Spearman Doctoral Prize](#). The prize consists of a framed certificate, an award of \$2,000 (prior years was an amount of \$500), a two-year membership in the CMS, and the opportunity to present a plenary lecture at a CMS meeting.

The CMS Blair Spearman Doctoral Prize recognizes outstanding performance by a doctoral student. The prize is awarded to one recipient of a Ph.D. from a Canadian university whose overall performance in graduate school is judged to be the most outstanding. Although the dissertation will be the most important criterion (the impact of the results, the creativity of the work, the quality of exposition, etc.) it will not be the only one. Other publications, activities in support of students and other accomplishments will also be considered.

Nominees must have their Ph.D. conferred by a Canadian university in the year (January 1st to December 31st) preceding the nomination deadline of January 31, 2026 (i.e. must have Ph.D. conferred within January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025)

Nominations that were not successful in the first competition, will be kept active for a second year (with no possibility of updating the file) and will be considered by the Doctoral Prize Selection Committee in the following year's competition.

#### **Nomination Procedure:**

Each department may submit **one nomination via GSMS by Thursday, December 18, 2025**. Each nomination must include:

- A curriculum vitae prepared by the student.
- A resumé of the student's work written by the student and which must not exceed ten pages. The resumé should include a brief description of the thesis and why it is important, as well as of any other contributions made by the student while a doctoral student.
- Three letters of recommendation of which one should be from the thesis advisor and one from an external reviewer. A copy of the external examiner's report may be substituted for the latter. More than three letters of recommendation are not accepted.

GPS will consider all nominations received by December 18th and forward one nomination to the Canadian Mathematical Society Office by the January 31, 2026 deadline. Successful nominees will be notified directly by CMS.

Sincerely,

Award Services