



### **Application Form and Required Documents**

Applicants are to confirm their eligibility and read all information and application requirements on [GPS' website](#) prior to preparing an application. Applicants wishing to apply for this competition must complete the Killam Grand Challenges Scholarship for Interdisciplinary Research application form and required document attachments as one package and submit to their department by their own internal deadline. GPS will not accept packages submitted directly by applicants. Applicants are to contact their department regarding their internal deadlines, and application and nomination status.

- Applicants are responsible for arranging transcripts early and requesting that their referees submit letters of reference directly to the student's department. Refer to [GPS' website](#) for complete details on transcript and reference letter requirements.
- Missing information/required form fields may render your application as incomplete and will not be reviewed.
- To complete this form, you will need Acrobat Reader. If you do not have this software, it is available FREE from [Adobe](#).
- Ensure to **download the application first and save it in your desktop before filling it out**. Please note that this form is secured and text format is fixed based on the presentation standards below.

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### **Presentations Standards**

Section/Part 1-6 of this application must adhere to the following presentation standards:

- Times New Roman 12-point font, single-spaced (regular, minimum 12-pt.)
- Condensed type is not acceptable.
- Applications that do not meet presentation standards may be at a disadvantage. Please remember that adjudicators are reviewing many applications, thus, consideration to font size, font type, etc. is very important.
- Only use space provided and do not exceed the maximum number of pages permitted in each section, as indicated below
- **Pages in excess of the number permitted will not be assessed by the Graduate Scholarship Committee and will be redacted.**

### **Part 1: Outline of Research Proposal (maximum of three pages)**

- Research proposals should demonstrate solid and broad knowledge of the relevant disciplines and **must be written by the student, not the joint primary supervisors**.
- Briefly describe your research areas, the broader context, and the grand challenge your research addresses. Highlight the novelty and importance of your research.
- State your research objectives. Clearly explain what you aim to accomplish or investigate.
- Describe how current disciplinary approaches have not succeeded, and how their proposed combination of disciplines will advance knowledge and resolution of the grand challenge.
- Explain the interdisciplinary nature of your research. Identify the disciplines, fields, or areas of expertise that will be blended for the research, and describe a plan for intellectually and methodologically integrating the diverse fields (rather than simply listing collaborators or fields).

- Describe how integrating these diverse disciplines will generate new insights, and enable solutions to complex (“wicked”) problems or emerging grand challenges that cannot be solved within a single discipline.
- Briefly describe your role or contribution in developing or integrating the interdisciplinary components of the research, and how the proposed Joint Primary Supervisors’ (minimum of two) expertise will guide this program of study.
- Outline your study and research plan. Briefly indicate what you plan to accomplish during the four years of the award period. This may include learning new languages, methodologies, techniques and/or theoretical perspectives, as well as conducting independent research.
- Write clearly and concisely. Use plain language and ensure the proposal is understandable to a broad audience.

**Part 2: Bibliography/citations (maximum of one page)**

- This page is strictly for the bibliography/citations; no other information will be considered

**Part 3: Refereed Contributions, Commissioned, Juried and/or Invited Exhibitions (maximum of two pages)**

- Number each item that you list.
- Do not submit your publications or direct readers to external links.
- List books, book chapters, and articles appearing in refereed publications or conference proceedings first, beginning with the most recent.
- List publications of which you are the author or co-author and which are published, in press, and/or accepted for publication in refereed journals.
- Begin each entry on a new line and provide complete bibliographic notices (including co-authors, title, publisher, journal, volume, date of publication, number of pages, etc.) as they appear in the original publication. Where applicable, identify interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, or cross-disciplinary collaborations and specify your role in co-authored publications. Forthcoming publications should be listed only if they have been formally accepted for publication (indicate date of acceptance by the editor).
- Group your entries together; i.e. publications, then conference presentations, then invited talks, etc.
- Asterisk (\*) each entry that has been generated while registered in your doctoral program at the University of Alberta.
- If this section is not applicable to you (i.e. you have no refereed publications or commissioned/juried/invited exhibitions), **please be sure to indicate N/A or Not Applicable on the page provided.**

**Part 4: Non-refereed Contributions (maximum of two pages)**

- Number each item that you list.
- Do not submit your publications or direct readers to external links.
- List papers in non-refereed journals, book reviews, reports, abstracts, policy papers, public lectures, and creative works.
- Begin each entry on a new line and provide complete bibliographic notices (including co-authors, title, publisher, journal, volume, date of publication, number of pages, etc.) as they appear in the original publication. Where applicable, identify interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, or cross-disciplinary collaborations and specify your role in co-authored publications. Forthcoming contributions should be listed only if they have been formally accepted for publication.
- Group your entries together; i.e. publications, then conference presentations, then reports, etc.

- Asterisk (\*) each entry that has been generated while registered in your doctoral program at the University of Alberta.
- Do not direct readers to external links.
- If this section is not applicable (i.e. you have no non-refereed contributions), **please be sure to indicate N/A or Not Applicable on the page provided.**

**Part 5: Other Evidence of Scholarly and Creative Achievement and Research/Work Experience (maximum of two pages)**

- List activities—such as volunteering, mentoring, community involvement, public speaking, etc—which show your scholarly and creative achievement.
- Describe your work in sufficient detail so that adjudicators will know its stature in your discipline.
- List positions you are holding or have held, including research and teaching assistantships, relevant academic and non-academic work experience, and relevant administrative appointments.
- If this section is not applicable, i.e. you have no further evidence of scholarly and creative achievement or work experience, **please be sure to indicate N/A or Not Applicable on the page provided.**

**Part 6: Special Circumstances (maximum of one page) - (only if applicable)**

GPS asks its adjudication committees to take into consideration special circumstances that may have affected applicants' research, professional career, record of academic or research achievement, or completion of degrees. Relevant circumstances might include administrative responsibilities, maternity/parental leave, child-rearing, illness, disability, cultural or community responsibilities, socio-economic context, or health-related family responsibilities. Please specify the dates for any delays or interruptions. If this section is not applicable, **please be sure to indicate N/A or Not Applicable on the page provided.**



Student ID	Student Last Name, First Name		
Department			
Title of Research			
Current Degree Program	Program Start Date (e.g. Fall 2023)	Proposed Killam Scholarship Start Date: <b>DO NOT LEAVE BLANK</b>	
Number of months of doctoral studies completed as of December 31, 2025 (includes master's fast-track to doctoral) <b>DO NOT LEAVE BLANK.</b>		Expected Date of Doctoral Program Completion: <b>DO NOT LEAVE BLANK.</b>	
Lay Title			
Lay Abstract - describe your research project in LAY TERMS within 100 words or less			



**Joint Supervisors – Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Faculty/ Department</b>	<b>Lead Role? (Y/N)</b>
Joint Supervisor				
Joint Supervisor				
Joint Supervisor				

**Interdisciplinary Justification of Team**

*Briefly describe how this specific combination of supervisors supports the proposed research. Please only use the space provided.*

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**Part 1: Outline of Research Proposal** *(Please read instructions before completing this section)*





**Part 2: Bibliography/citations** *(Please read instructions before completing this section)*

**Part 3: Refereed Contributions, Commissioned, Juried and/or Invited Exhibitions** *(Please read instructions before completing this section)*



**Part 4: Non-refereed Contributions** *(Please read instructions before completing this section)*



**Part 5: Other Evidence of Scholarly and Creative Achievement and Research/Work Experience** *(Please read instructions before completing this section)*



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**DECLARATION:** I declare that to the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application and attachments is true and that no material has been withheld.

Student's Signature (electronic image signature or hand-written)

Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

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