

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES
THE ARTHUR B. McDONALD PRIZE FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2020-2021

1. The Arthur B. McDonald Prize for Academic Excellence was established by Queen's University to honour Professor Emeritus Arthur McDonald (Physics, Engineering Physics and Astronomy), co-winner of the 2015 Nobel Prize in Physics. It is awarded on the basis of academic excellence.
2. This prize is granted for the first year of study only, and is not renewable. It is awarded to Doctoral students and Master's students in research-based programs, enrolled in or starting Year 1 in an SGS graduate program at Queen's University as of September 2020.
3. The value of the Arthur B. McDonald Prize for Academic Excellence is \$30,000 for Doctoral students, \$15,000 for Master's students.
4. The Arthur B. McDonald Prize for Academic Excellence cannot be held in conjunction with any scholarship, fellowship or award equal to or greater than \$15,000, and cannot be held at the same time as a scholarship from NSERC, CIHR or SSHRC, or at the same time as a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), or the Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship in Science and Technology (QEII-GSST).
5. The prize will be paid by the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) directly to the recipient's bank account of record, normally in three instalments per academic session.
6. Recipients of the Arthur B. McDonald Prize for Academic Excellence must be registered as full time students. If study status changes to part-time, the prize will be cancelled. The Arthur B. McDonald Prize for Academic Excellence will be paid to full-time **off-campus** students only if the appropriate Department/Program and the SGS, have approved this study status.
7. In most cases, scholarships, fellowships, or bursaries are not taxable and need not be reported as income on the recipient's tax return, if the recipient was enrolled as a student in a program that entitles the recipient to claim the education amount on tax information, as defined by Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). More information on this topic may be found at CRA's website, <<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/menu-e.html>>. In some rare circumstances (outlined on CRA's website), this prize or portions of it may be taxed. Tax is not deducted from the prize by the SGS or Queen's University.
8. If any prize instalment is issued to a student who is subsequently determined to be ineligible to receive it, that instalment must be refunded. To reclaim a prize or prize instalment from a student who is ineligible to receive it, the SGS will cancel or reverse any direct deposit transaction through the student's fees account. If the SGS cancels or reverses a direct deposit transaction, the SGS shall inform the student that this action has been taken. If the transaction cannot be cancelled or reversed, it is the student's responsibility to repay the prize or prize instalment as soon as possible.
9. The first installment of the Arthur B. McDonald Prize for Academic Excellence will normally be paid in September of the academic year, even if the recipient started their graduate degree program earlier (i.e., the previous May or January).
10. Award holders are restricted to a maximum of ten hours per week as a Teaching Assistant (TA).
11. The amount of the prize will be adjusted accordingly and/or cancelled if a student withdraws from their degree program during the tenure of the prize. Normally, students who withdraw must repay any or all of the term's prize installment, based on the date of withdrawal.
12. The Arthur B. McDonald Prize for Academic Excellence may constitute a portion of guaranteed financial support from the department/program.