

BSA Awards Eligibility

Thank you for your interest in applying for an award for the Biology Students' Association (BSA) at the University of Calgary. This document provides more specific information about the eligibility requirements to apply and receive an award with the BSA. An eligible student is welcome to apply for multiple awards if desired, but may only be selected to receive one award if successful. Students may use the same form to apply for more than one category, however different answers must be written for each category. Applications open on **February 17th** and are due on **March 16th at 11:59 PM.**

Please note that previous recipients of a BSA award are not eligible to apply for the same category they received the award in, but may apply for other categories.

General Requirements:

To be eligible for an award with the BSA, you must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Be an undergraduate student at the University of Calgary.
- 2) Be enrolled in one of the following majors: Biochemistry, Biological Sciences, Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology, Ecology, Plant Biology, or Zoology OR is completing a minor or concentration in a program offered by the Department of Biology.
- 3) Be a member of the BSA. (you can sign up through our website at www.bsaucalgary.ca/get-involved-1)

Please note that double majors or honours students are eligible to apply.

The following students are **not eligible** to apply for an award with the BSA:

- 1) Any current BSA Executive (President, VP Academic, VP Marketing, VP Finance, VP Volunteering, VP Professional Events or VP Social Events) or Junior Executive (coordinators).
- 2) Any current BSA Program Representative.
- 3) Any student enrolled within a major outside of the Biological Sciences department at the University of Calgary AND is not currently completing a minor or concentration in a program offered by the Department of Biology.
- 4) Any student pursuing any form of a graduate/post-doctorate at the University of Calgary.
- 5) Any student who has already received their degree or is pursuing a degree outside of the University of Calgary.

The following pages provide an overview of what each award entails and aims to highlight. You can also find more information on how your response to each award's question will be marked by the committee in the rubric posted [on our website](#).

BSA Advocacy Award (1)

The recipient is an undergraduate student enrolled in a Biological Sciences program at the University of Calgary who:

- a) Has exceptionally dedicated themselves to raising awareness of or demanding action for a cause, under-attended subject, social injustice or issue in our world.
- b) Has taken on innovative or creative ways to carry such initiatives.

BSA Community Involvement Award (1)

The recipient is an undergraduate student enrolled in a Biological Sciences program at the University of Calgary who:

- a) Demonstrates a commitment to improving their community not only at the University of Calgary, but for Calgary as a whole.
- b) Engages in the following, but not limited to: community endeavours, service clubs, community improvement programs, youth programs, or community associations, sports and recreational endeavours, etc.

BSA Innovation Award (1)

The recipient is an undergraduate student enrolled in a Biological Sciences program at the University of Calgary who:

- a) Has solved a unique challenge or positively impacted a program, business or club. This could include, but is not limited to, establishing or significantly improving an SU club or an off-campus organization, entrepreneurial endeavors, committee membership and innovation in research or technology.
- b) Demonstrated an innovative approach to solving a specific problem or in the pursuit of any other applicable endeavor.

BSA Leadership Award (1)

The recipient is an undergraduate student enrolled in a Biological Sciences program at the University of Calgary who:

- a) Has displayed an exceptional ability to inspire and lead those around them.
- b) Has initiated, or contributed significantly to, one or multiple different student club(s) or organizations.

BSA Undergraduate Research Award* (1)

The recipient is an undergraduate student enrolled in a Biological Sciences program at the University of Calgary who:

- a) Has significantly contributed to a research project on or off-campus.
- b) Is currently participating in or has done research that has the potential to be impactful, either locally or on a global scale.

* Please note that for the Undergraduate Research Award, a principal investigator or supervisor's contact information must be provided to confirm your involvement in the research project.

Please feel free to reach out to the BSA (contact@bsaucalgary.ca) with any questions!
The deadline to apply is **March 16th at 11:59 PM**, we look forward to reviewing your applications!