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2023 Graduate Student Research Conference

Greetings,



The Faculty of Graduate Studies at Athabasca University (AU) and the Athabasca University Graduate Students Association (AUGSA) are proud and excited to invite you to sponsor this year's [Graduate Student Research Conference \(GSRC\)](#), taking place in person in Edmonton, Alta.

The GSRC is a multi-disciplinary academic research forum that brings together over 100 masters and doctoral students and alumni, staff, and faculty from all disciplines at AU. In addition to facilitating research links between graduate students and alumni, the GSRC offers the opportunity to showcase student research, and to develop and gain research presentation experience in a supportive peer environment. It is the ideal setting for thesis students to test themselves and prepare for their public thesis defense and high-profile national and international research conferences.

This year's conference theme, "Driven to Learn", celebrates the dedication, resiliency, and commitment AU students have to life-long learning in an ever-changing world. Our students are groundbreaking and innovative in their research, while transforming the lives and communities around them. This theme also speaks to the values and mission of AU as a fundamentally inclusive institution where ALL students feel they are in the right place at the right time in their lives—not only to expand their own knowledge, but also to create and disseminate impactful knowledge when it is needed most.

Sponsorship of this conference will support our graduate students in developing and acquiring essential skills and abilities needed to navigate and contribute to our complex world. It is also a commitment to inclusion, accessibility, and diversity in graduate education in Canada. Many past and present graduate students have emphasized how much they have enjoyed this unique opportunity to showcase their research skills and discuss the impact of their research on their communities.

Thank you very much for considering our request and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

GSRC Steering Committee

