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## INTRODUCTION

Andrews is a place where world-changers come – from all over the world – and they come to get sharpened, to grow, and to increase their capacity for impact on a wider scale

It is only in the process of engaging the world outside of the classroom in innovative ways that professional principles are driven home, creative solutions to complex issues are found, and capacity for leadership is increased.

In keeping with this, the Andrews University Graduate Student Association - embodying the values of **Enterprise**, **Professionalism**, **Intimacy**, & **Community** seeks to establish the **Graduate Student Endowed Scholarship**. Each year, the scholarship will be awarded to 3 outstanding graduate students that have demonstrated a commitment to effecting positive change in their local community.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Graduate Student Endowed Scholarship:

- To empower graduate students in their innovative service and community engagement
- To encourage graduate student involvement in community engagement and innovation
- To provide tangible aid to Andrews University Graduate students in the form of tuition

## DESCRIPTION

Each year, AUGSA will award 3 scholarships to graduate students who have demonstrated a dedication to having a positive impact on their local community. The scholarship will consist of an awardment of 3 scholarships in the Spring semester and be applied in a disbursement during the Summer or Fall Semester of the school year.

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## CRITERIA

The Scholarship will be available to Andrews University graduate students in all fields of study. To qualify, applicants must:

- Must be currently engaged/leading in a community service project or community leadership initiative (including, but not limited to internships, clinical, practicums, non-profits, etc.)
- Must be enrolled at least part-time in a graduate program of Andrews University
- Must Submit one letter of recommendation with application
- Must currently have GPA of 3.0

The Community Impact Award will be awarded based on 4 criteria:

### 1) Impact

Applicants will be selected primarily based on their engagement and leadership in a project or initiative that demonstrates tangible positive impact on their local community.

Examples of positive impacts might include:

- Increased academic performance of local students (via mentorship programs, academic tutoring)
- Increased financial viability of businesses in the local community
- Improved public health outcomes for local residents

For this scholarship, we will measure impact by the extent to which applicants:

- Engage in creative problem-solving and innovation
- Engage in generous service to meet human needs
- Apply collaborative leadership to foster growth and promote change
- Engage in activities consistent with the worldwide mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church

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## CRITERIA CONT'D

The selection committee will factor the following elements into their decision:

- The amount of time the applicant dedicates to their project or initiative
- The number of people that have been positively impacted (students, mentees, employees, local residents)
- The amount of resources accrued for their project or initiative
- The inclusion of interdisciplinary practices, including, but not limited to health, education, finances, etc. (wholistic community service)

### 2) Sustainability & Adaptability

Are the methods for this project or initiative sustainable for a significant period of time? Are the methods adaptable to multiple contexts?

### 3) Collaboration

Does this project include collaboration with community partners? Does it include interdisciplinary partnerships?

### 4) Innovation

Does this project represent an innovative approach to community service? Does this project utilize methods that incorporate new technologies or innovations? Does this project include integration and practice of applicant's degree(s)?

\*Note of bias: Seminary students compose a significant portion of the graduate population. To make the scholarship accessible to other fields of study, no more than 1 of 3 scholarship awards can be designated to a student in the Seminary.

## APPLICATIONS

Students will submit

- An online application form (including essay questions to help the selection committee understand the applicant's work), a written application
- A resume/curriculum vitae
- a short personal video statement introducing your work (no more than 5 minutes)

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## DISBURSEMENT AMOUNT

The scholarship disbursement would include:

- Up to \$2000 per recipient
- Certificate + pic with University President, GSA Executive team, & GSA Sponsor

## SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants will be vetted by the GSA President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the GSA Sponsor (4 people).

The final 3 candidates will be selected through the finalized process for scholarship review and decision-making.

## FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

**Should the need for the scholarship cease to exist what happens to any excess funds?**

Should the scholarship cease to exist, excess funds will be reinvested in the graduate students of Andrews University by being allocated to the GSA budget.

