Fred McKinnon played a prominent role in laying the foundations for Calgary and region, as well as the University of Calgary. Actively involved in the early stages and first quarter-centry of the University of Calgary, Fred McKinnon chaired the university's first capital fund raising campaign, served on the Senate and was awarded an honorary degree in 1970. This award was established through a bequest he made to the university in 1991.

Donor: Estate of Fred A. McKinnon

Department: Computer Science and Mathematics & Statistics

Value: To match the annual endowment allocation amount as determined by the university; minimum $1,000 each

Number: Two (2) (one (1) for each department)

Eligibility: Open to all graduate student teaching assistants in the Departments of Computer Science and Mathematics & Statistics at the University of Calgary

Citizenship: Unrestricted

Selection Process: To be awarded to the best graduate student teaching assistant in the Departments of Computer Science and Mathematics & Statistics on an annual basis. The recipients will be chosen by the departments and will be based on student and faculty input, including undergraduate student surveys. If a worthy award recipient is not found in a given year, the funds will remain in the endowment for the following year.

Apply: No application required. Eligible teaching assistants will automatically be considered by the departments for nomination.

Date: Amended on July 23, 2019