



GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA SCHOLARSHIPS – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

RESEARCH STAYS

Lakehead University is now accepting applications for RESEARCH stays under the **ELAP scholarship programs**. Students funded for research must conduct full-time research during their stay and may not register for classes.

In all cases, students must find their own host research supervisor at Lakehead – please download the [“Finding a Research Supervisor”](#) guide for tips.

NOTE: Spaces for STUDY applications are very limited; eligible partner institutions with student exchange agreements will have already been contacted directly by our Global Engagement team. We regret that we are no longer able to accept study applications from all of our valued partners.

EMERGING LEADERS OF THE AMERICAS SCHOLARSHIPS (ELAP): Eligible Countries:

- **Caribbean:** Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Turks and Caicos;
- **Central America:** Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama;
- **North America:** Mexico;
- **South America:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela.

Students must be citizens of an eligible country and be enrolled full-time in a degree program at a university in an eligible country.

SCHOLARSHIP VALUE AND DURATION

	ELAP Scholarship
4 months (undergraduate, Master’s, PhD)	CAD\$ 8,600
5-6 months (graduate only – Master’s & PhD)	CAD\$ 12,400

Level of Study: While graduate students (Master’s, Ph.D.) will have priority, exceptional undergraduates may also apply for research stays, **IF there is an ongoing research collaboration between a Lakehead researcher and the student’s home institution.**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants must:

- Be a citizen of an eligible country;
- Be enrolled full-time at a post-secondary institution in an eligible country/territory;
 - Country of citizenship and country of enrollment may be different, but both have to be eligible;
- Not have held the scholarship before, and must not be submitting an application to any other Canadian university;
- Continue paying tuition fees to that institution at the time of application and for the full duration of their mobility in Canada;
- Be able to arrive no sooner than August 1, 2026 and no later than February 1, 2027;
- Remain registered in their home university program through out the research stay;
- Not be currently enrolled in a degree, diploma or certificate program at any Canadian post-secondary institution;
- Not hold, or have pending, an application for Canadian Citizenship or permanent residency;
- **Not hold** another grant or source of funding from Global Affairs Canada (GAC), through its legal name, the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), or from a Canadian federal granting agency (e.g. Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) or Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). All additional sources of funding must be declared.

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS:

- 1) **Application form submitted by Home Institution representative** (contact your International Relations Office for more information and **for the application form**).
- 2) **Signed and dated privacy statement** ([download HERE](#)).
- 3) **Letter of intent from the Candidate (two pages maximum)**
 - Provides the rationale for participating in an international research stay
 - Rationale for choosing Lakehead and/or their host supervisor
 - Research plan (questions, objectives, activities, timeline, expected outcomes)
 - How the proposed research project will support their future career goals.

- 4) **Letter of Invitation from Host Supervisor at Lakehead. The LOI must:**
- Be prepared on official letterhead, signed, and dated within the last three months
 - Describes the nature and scope of the research collaboration with the candidate's home institution
 - Briefly summarizes the research plan/project and any special facilities / equipment / expertise at Lakehead that is required to complete the project
 - Confirms their willingness to support and mentor the candidate during the exchange period
 - Describes the benefits of the research stay to the project, the department, and/or to Lakehead
- 5) **Letter of Support** – from home supervisor or professor (one page). Must be on institutional letterhead, signed and dated. The letter shall:
- Discuss how the research mobility fits within the student's academic program;
 - Describe the student's preparedness to undertake the proposed research stay;
 - Discuss how the candidate and the home institution will benefit from this research collaboration.
- 6) **Proof of full-time registration** at the home institution (must contain the words FULL TIME) and **expected graduation date**. (Letter or certificate from home institution, in English or accompanied by an English translation.)
- 7) **Proof of Citizenship** – Valid passport (preferred) or national ID card only
- 8) **Signed Declaration of Eligibility (download form [HERE](#)).**

HOW TO APPLY

Students may not apply directly to Lakehead. Applications must be submitted by a representative of the student's home institution, usually the mobility coordinator or other personnel from the International Relations office. The student must consult with the coordinator to obtain application documents and confirm compliance with their home institution's eligibility criteria. Their home institution may have an earlier internal deadline, as the scholarship can be competitive.

The applicant's home institution coordinator will submit an online form with all the supporting documents by **March 16, 2026**. All documents must be submitted by this date. Submissions with missing or incomplete documents will not be considered.



If the student's home coordinator has not received the application information from Lakehead or has questions, please contact inbound.globalme@lakeheadu.ca.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Research students will be selected for scholarships based on the following criteria:

- Strength and detail of research plan/project
- Alignment of student's research interests with host supervisor's expertise and research program
- Strength of support of home institution
- Strength of the inter-institutional partnership and/or research collaborations
- Equitable gender participation
- Distribution across eligible countries

Please note: While an MOU or other formal agreement between the student's home institution and Lakehead is not required, it may be considered under the Selection Criteria (see below) as partial evidence of the strength of the collaboration.