



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Indigenous Graduate Fellowship

Formerly known as the Aboriginal Graduate Fellowship

NEW! Effective the 2023-2024 academic year, the IGF will also offer opportunities for (i) Indigenous PhD students in their fourth year to apply for a fifth year of funding and (ii) research Master's and PhD students to apply for research funding. Details of these programs and application procedures to be finalized in January 2023 and will be provided here at that time.

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Nomination Deadline

Wednesday February 1, 2023 (11:59 PM) Forestry Deadline

Award Background

The University of British Columbia offers multi-year fellowships to Master's and doctoral Indigenous students. Award winners are selected on the basis of academic merit through an annual competition administered by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

Each fellowship provides a stipend of \$18,200 per year for doctoral students or a stipend of \$16,175 per year for Master's students. Additionally, IGF recipients are eligible to receive tuition funding. Tuition funding will not exceed the current value of standard doctoral or Master's degree tuition fees. Applicants for Master's funding will receive fellowship funding until the end of their second year of Master's studies; applicants for doctoral funding will receive fellowship funding for four years or until the end of their fifth year of doctoral studies, whichever comes first. In all cases, continued fellowship support is conditional on satisfactory academic progress. Recipients of Master's fellowship funding must re-apply to be considered for doctoral funding.

Award Prize

\$16,175 stipend plus tuition per year for Master's students;
\$18,200 stipend plus tuition per year for doctoral students

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Eligibility

- **NEW!** Please note that as of the 2023-2024 academic year, eligibility for the IGF is extended to students in professional and coursework-only Master's programs (previously, only research-based programs were eligible).
- All Indigenous students are eligible to apply, but priority is given to Indigenous students whose traditional territory falls, at least in part, within Canada. This includes Canadian First Nations, Métis or Inuit students and may include Indigenous students from Alaska and other states of the USA. The university may request further information to confirm Indigenous eligibility.
- Applicants may or may not be UBC graduate students at the time of application – the competition is open to both incoming and continuing graduate students. However, awardees must be enrolled as full-time status graduate students at the UBC-Vancouver campus for the 2023-2024 academic year in order to receive an Indigenous Graduate Fellowship through this competition.
- Students in programs that are not administered by the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (such as MBA, MM, MDS) are not eligible.
- **Months of study**
 - **Master's:** To be eligible to hold IGF funding as a Master's student, applicants must have completed, as of December 31, 2022, no more than 12 months of full-time (or full-time equivalent) Master's-level study.
 - Successful applicants for Master's-level funding are eligible to receive IGF funding until the end of their second year of Master's-level study.
 - **Doctoral:** To be eligible to hold IGF funding as a doctoral student, applicants must have completed, as of December 31, 2022, no more than 48 months of full-time (or full-time equivalent) doctoral-level study. For applicants who have transferred to the PhD from the Master's without completing the Master's, eligibility is counted from the date of transfer.
 - Successful applicants for doctoral-level (second point immediately above) are eligible to receive up to four years of IGF funding or to receive IGF funding until the end of their fifth year of doctoral-level study, whichever comes first.
 - All previous studies at the graduate level, regardless of institution and discipline, will be included in determining eligibility.

To be eligible to receive Indigenous Graduate Fellowship funding, award holders are expected to devote full-time hours to the research or studies for which they were funded (full-time status), and are required to make satisfactory academic progress throughout their funding period. Applicants are not eligible to receive IGF stipend funding concurrently with external (e.g., Tri-Agency) funding that equals or exceeds the IGF stipend amount.

Application Procedures

Submit applications to | Forestry.Grad-Awards@ubc.ca by Wednesday February 1, 2023 (11:59 PM)

Application and reference forms, along with detailed instructions, will be posted on this [webpage](https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/indigenous-graduate-fellowships) (<https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/indigenous-graduate-fellowships>) in early January 2023. In the meantime, applicants can begin preparing as follows:

- Draft an outline of proposed research (research-based Master's and doctoral applicants) or a statement of professional aspirations (professional Master's applicants)
- Gather transcripts for all university-level studies (including studies undertaken but not completed) **up to December 31, 2022.**
 - *Please email Forestry.Grad-Awards@ubc.ca to check if a copy of your transcript is available.*
- Identify and contact references (two references required)
- Complete relevant entries in the Canadian Common CV (research Master's and doctoral applicants)

Questions | Forestry Grad Awards (forestry.grad-awards@ubc.ca)