

Library and Information Sciences Scholarships and Funding Opportunities

There are scholarships, grants, bursaries, and other funding opportunities available to students interested in pursuing library and information science as a career, as well as financial assistance resources for people working in the library and information science field to advance their professional development. Some of the following resources were designed to support participation by people in historically disadvantaged groups. Links have been provided for more information.

Effort is made to ensure this resource is current and accurate. Unless otherwise indicated, the Ontario Library Association and the Cultural Diversity and Inclusion Task Force are not affiliated with these resources. For the most current information, visit the resource's website.

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ALA Spectrum Scholarship

The [Spectrum Scholarship Program](#) actively recruits and provides scholarships to American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, Middle Eastern and North African, and/or Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students to assist them with obtaining a graduate degree and leadership positions within the profession and ALA. Annually provides students from racial and ethnic underrepresented groups with a \$5,000 tuition scholarship and \$1,500 in professional development funds as they pursue a master's degree in library and information science.

In addition to the Spectrum Scholarships, [additional LIS scholarships and funding opportunities for BIPOC](#) are listed.

Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies (ACUNS) Awards and Scholarships

ACUNS provides the student awards program, [Canadian Northern Studies Trust](#) (CNST) for exceptional northern-based research. This website also links to related awards and scholarship opportunities.

- **Canadian Northern Studies Trust** - The research must involve a northern fieldwork component that is conducted between May (in the year the award is granted) and the following March. One scholarship of \$10,000 is available to students who are citizens or permanent residents of Canada presently enrolled in a doctoral program at a Canadian university.
- **Dr. Jim McDonald Scholarship for Northern Research** - ACUNS, with the support of the family of the late Dr. Jim McDonald, is sponsoring one scholarship valued at \$5,000 for Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada currently enrolled in graduate studies in the social sciences and humanities as these pertain to Canada's north and its inhabitants. Community-based-research, interdisciplinary research and local Aboriginal collaboration will be given special consideration, as will those that can demonstrate a specific focus to their project. A northern fieldwork component must be included in your research that is conducted between May (in the year you receive your award) and the following March.

Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Kaleidoscope Program

The [ARL Kaleidoscope Program](#), formerly the Initiative to Recruit a Diverse Workforce (IRDW), a program designed to recruit master of library and information science (MLIS) students from traditionally underrepresented ethnic and racial minority groups into careers in research libraries and archives.

Participants in the Kaleidoscope Program will enjoy the following benefits:

- A stipend of up to \$10,000 to be distributed in four installments of \$2,500 per semester
- Support for travel to and participation in the ARL Annual Leadership Symposium, held during the ALA Midwinter meeting in January 2021
- Support for travel to and participation in a ARL research library site visit to learn more about the advanced operations of a research library
- Mentoring from an academic or research library or archive employee
- Paid membership in a major professional association or in one of the American Library Association's five ethnic caucuses
- Support up to \$2,000 to attend a one-time training and skills development opportunity

Canada Graduate Scholarships – Doctoral Program

This [national award](#) is based on academic excellence and research potential. PhD candidates will receive \$35,000 for 36 months.

Canadian Association of Law Librarians (CALL) Scholarships and Awards

The Canadian Association of Law Librarians (CALL) provides information on various [scholarships and awards](#) including:

- The **Education Reserve Fund** awards money to CALL members to further their education in pursuits that do not fit the guidelines of already established scholarships. These activities should be relevant to the applicant's career in law libraries and/or contribute to the development of law libraries or law librarianship.
- The **Canadian Law Library Review Featured Article Award** (value \$500) may be given annually to the author of a feature length article published in Canadian Law Library Review / Revue canadienne des bibliothèques de droit.
- The **Diana M. Priestly Memorial Scholarship**, established in honour of the late Diana M. Priestly, a distinguished Canadian law librarian, and in recognition of her distinctive contribution to Law Librarianship, is intended to support professional development in the field and is awarded to a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant.
- The **James D. Lang Memorial Scholarship** was designed to support attendance at a continuing education program, be it a workshop, certificate program, or other similar activity.
- The **Janine Miller Fellowship** was designed to provide funding for attendance at the *Law via the Internet Conference*. Expenses up to \$2,500 will be covered.

Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Awards

The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) lists [fellowships and awards](#). Eligibility for these fellowships and awards is restricted to women who are Canadian Citizens.

- **CFUW Dr. Alice E. Wilson Awards** - Total Value: \$20,000
Two (2) awards at the masters level and two (2) for doctoral level study.
Dr. Alice E. Wilson (1881-1964), CFUW member, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the first woman to hold a professional position at the Geological Survey of Canada won the 1926 CFUW Travelling Fellowship. Awarded to mature students returning to graduate studies in any field after at least three years.
- **CFUW 1989 École Polytechnique Commemorative Awards** - Total Value: \$12,000
Two (2) award of \$7,000 for doctoral level study and two (2) award of \$5,000 for masters study. Commemorates the fourteen women students murdered at the École Polytechnique in Montreal. For graduate studies in any field. The applicant must justify the relevance of her work to women.
- **CFUW Linda Souter Humanities Award** - Total Value: \$6,000
Inaugurated in 2015, the award is named to honour Linda Souter, the only Canadian member of CFUW that has served both as President of CFUW and Graduate Women International (formerly known as International Federation of University Women, IFUW). Awarded to a masters or doctoral student studying in the area of the Humanities. Generally, study in the Humanities is theoretical and does not involve empirical methodology. The Humanities could include the following: English Language and Literature, History, Languages Study, Classics, Philosophy, Film Studies, Communication Studies, and Culture Studies.
- **CFUW Bourse Georgette LeMoyne Award** - Total Value: \$5,000
Georgette LeMoyne (1884-1975), was one of the first women to receive a university degree in French Canada. She devoted her life to the promotion of education and employment for women. It is for graduate study in any field at a Canadian university. The candidate must be studying in French and write the Statement of Intent of the application in French.

Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation Fellowship Awards

The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (CCKF) provides [grants and fellowships](#) for scholarship about Chinese culture.

[Doctoral fellowships](#) are available for doctoral candidates who are non-Republic Of China (ROC) citizens and who are enrolled in an accredited university in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, or South America may apply for financial support for writing dissertations in the field of Chinese Studies in the humanities and social sciences. Citizens of the ROC should apply for [Dissertation Fellowships](#) for ROC Students Abroad.

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International - World Fellowship For Women

McGill University's [Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship](#) provides awards of \$4,000 (USD) for women from foreign countries to pursue graduate studies in Canada and the US.

E. J. Josey Scholarship Award

The [E. J. Josey Scholarships](#) are grants of \$2,000 awarded annually to African American students enrolled in or accepted by ALA accredited programs. Persons wishing to apply must be an African American citizen of the United States or Canada enrolled or accepted by an ALA-accredited graduate program leading to a degree in library and information science at the time of application.

Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario (ETFO) Awards

[ETFO Awards](#) is offered to active ETFO members to study at the doctoral level at a publicly funded university/institution. One award of \$2,500 and a certificate of recognition may be granted. Offered to active ETFO members to study at the master's level at a publicly funded university/institution. Up to four awards of \$1,250 and a certificate of recognition may be granted.

Every Women Can: The Maria Eriksen Memorial Bursary

The [Every Woman Can: The Maria Eriksen Memorial Bursary](#), is for immigrant women residing in Alberta, attending school in order to return to their pre-immigration field of work. Applicants demonstrate financial need and are currently enrolled in a recognized educational institution. Three bursaries at \$2,000 each applied directly to tuition.

Friends of the Mississauga Library System

The [Jim Wilde Library Education Award](#). This award is intended for residents of the City of Mississauga who are entering their full time first year in a university program in library and information science, a library and information technician program at a community college, or an online library technician program. There are two awards of \$2,000 each.

Graduate Student Award of Merit

The [Graduate Student Award of Merit](#) is awarded to women graduate students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in the university or general community while maintaining exemplary academic records. Three (3) awards are given, valued each at \$3,500. Women registered in Master's or PhD programs at any Member Institution of Universities Canada within a designated region are eligible to be nominated.

International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Research Award

IDRC offers these [research awards](#) annually to Canadians, permanent residents of Canada, and citizens of developing countries pursuing master's or doctoral studies at a recognized university or having completed a master's or doctoral program at a recognized university. The program is aimed at candidates who, through demonstrated achievements in academic studies, work, or research, have shown interest in creating and using knowledge from an international perspective

International Student Emergency Loan Program

Western University offers short-term loans (maximum \$500) to international students through the [International Student Emergency Loan](#).

Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada Graduate Scholarship

The [Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada](#) offers scholarships to Canadian women who are pursuing a Ph.D. degree. The applicant must be a Canadian citizen, and the applicant's Ph.D. studies must be in progress. Applicants do not have to be members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Foundation of Canada to apply. Only initiated members of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity are eligible.

Libyan-North American Scholarship Program

The [Libyan-North American Scholarship](#) provides for over 4,000 Libyan students pursuing graduate academic studies in Canada and the United States.

LORAN Scholars Foundation

In partnership with universities, donors and volunteers across the country, [LORAN Scholars Foundation](#) offers undergraduate award (valued at \$100,000) to young Canadians on the basis of character, service and the promise of leadership.

Mackenzie King Scholarships

The [Mackenzie King Scholarships](#) were established as an independent trust under the will of the late Rt. Hon. William Mackenzie King (1874-1950). Two classes of Mackenzie King Scholarship are available to graduates of Canadian universities: the Open Scholarship and the Travelling Scholarship. Both are to support graduate study.

Mensa Canada Scholarship

The [Mensa Canada Scholarship Programme](#) offers a number of different scholarships. The award is \$2000. Applicants are invited to write a short essay in which detail their

career plan, list their accomplishments to date, and describe what they plan to do order to achieve their future career goals.

Minority Leadership Development Award

The [Minority Leadership Development Award](#) was created to nurture leaders for the future and to introduce minority law librarians to leadership opportunities within the Association. The Award shall consist of the following benefits: travel, lodging and registration expenses for one recipient to attend the Annual Meeting of American Association of Law Librarians (AALL); an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient's mentor for at least one year; and an opportunity to serve on an AALL committee during the year following the award.

Optimist Club William J. Cummer Scholarship

The [Optimist Club William J. Cummer Scholarship](#) is for Alberta residents and Canadian citizens entering their final year of study in a certificate, degree or diploma program, demonstrating volunteerism, service to youth, and leadership. Students must be in need of financial support and have good academic standing. One award at approximately \$2,500.

Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association

The Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association offers three [scholarships](#), Rose M. Cassin Memorial Scholarship, Reverend J.H. Conway Memorial Scholarship, and Doreen Brady Memorial Scholarship. These are awarded annually to full time or part time post-graduate students who are members of the association.

Ontario Graduate Scholarships (OGS)

Each university awards these scholarships individually and sets their own deadlines. Applicants must apply for an [Ontario Graduate Scholarship](#) to each of the universities they are interested in attending.

OLA Dr. Janette Baker Scholarship

The [Dr. Janette Baker Scholarship](#) is intended to encourage full time library programs. Candidates must have worked in Ontario outside the field of education for a minimum of three years prior to application. Candidates must be enrolling in a full-time library program in an Ontario university or college to which the award may be paid. Award Amount: \$2000-\$5000

Ontario Trillium Scholarship for International PhD Applicants

The [Ontario Trillium Scholarships](#) (OTS) program is an important initiative to attract top international students to Ontario for PhD studies. Students interested in the Ontario Trillium Scholarships are encouraged to express their interest in the competition to the graduate program chair when applying for admission to Western University. A qualified international applicant must be nominated for the scholarship by the Graduate Chair of the admitting program.

Pat Clifford Award

The [Pat Clifford Award](#) for Early Career Research in Education awards research that contributes to the transformation of education in Canada. Applicants must be in the process of completing a Masters or PhD OR have completed a Masters or PhD in the last 2 years (from date of convocation). Applicants may be from faculties of education or other related disciplines, school boards, provincial or territorial departments of education, educational or other organizations, or research consultants. Applicants can either nominate themselves or be nominated by another person.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Doctoral Scholarships

The [Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation doctoral scholarships](#) in the humanities and social sciences are the only one of its scope and stature in the country. The Foundation awards up to sixteen (16) scholarships to Canadian and foreign doctoral candidates pursuing research related to one of its four founding themes: human rights and dignity; responsible citizenship; Canada and the world; and people and their natural environment.

Promise Scholar program for Black and Indigenous students (Dalhousie University)

The [Promise Scholar program](#) for a student in the Master of Information (MI) program provides students with a \$1,000 scholarship. The sole awarding criteria for the Promise Scholar will be an Indigenous or Black Canadian student, with priority given to Mi'kmaq and African Nova Scotian students.

If you self-identify as Indigenous or African Canadian, you can apply. Applicants must **submit a 500 word statement (by email to sim@dal.ca)** articulating the importance of diversity and inclusion in information management.

The 2021 deadline is May 1 at 4 p.m. (AST)

Shelagh Mikulak Memorial Scholarship for Leadership and Innovation in Library Sciences

The [Shelagh Nearly Mikulak Memorial Scholarship for Leadership and Innovation in Library Sciences](#) is for applicants enrolled in a Library Technician program, Certificate Program, Undergraduate or Graduate degree with a demonstrated passion for the library sciences field. In any year of study at a Canadian post-secondary. Able to demonstrate financial need. Two awards at approximately \$2,000, applied directly to tuition.

Soroptimist Foundation of Canada

The [Soroptimist Foundation of Canada](#) annually offers several \$7,500 grants to female graduate students in Canada to assist them with university studies which will qualify them for careers which will improve the quality of women's lives. Examples include but are not limited to: providing services, providing legal counselling and assistance, counselling mature women entering or re-entering the labour market, counselling women in crisis, counselling and training women for non-traditional employment, and positions in women's centres.

TD Scholarships for Community Leadership

Twenty [TD Scholarships for Community Leadership](#) are awarded to students in their last year of high school (outside Quebec) or CEGEP (in Quebec) who have demonstrated leadership in improving their community. Each scholarship has a value of up to \$70,000 and includes: Up to \$10,000 for tuition per year (for up to a maximum of four years) \$7,500 a year for living expenses (for up to a maximum of four years)

TOEFL Grants and Awards

ETS and the TOEFL® Board sponsor ten TOEFL [grants and awards](#) each year for work in: Foreign or second language research, teaching or assessment or International higher education.

University of Southern Mississippi School of Library and Information Science Annual Scholarship

The University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science provides [scholarships and awards](#) to graduate students in the School of Library and Information Science. The recipient does not have to be a resident of the state of Mississippi.

Wolfgang M. Freitag Internship Award

The [Art Libraries Society of North America \(ARLIS/NA\)](#) accepts applications for its annual Internship Award each fall. This award provides financial support for students

preparing for a career in art or architecture librarianship or visual resources curatorship via a grant of \$3,000.00 to support a 150-hour internship in an art or architecture related setting such as a library, archive, or visual resources collection.

Whitworth Award

The [Whitworth Award for Education Research](#) was first presented in 1967, and was made possible through a generous financial donation by Dr. Fred Whitworth, a former Director of the Canadian Council for Research in Education. It has, since then, recognized individuals who have made a sustained and substantial contribution to educational research over a period of time. Researchers in faculties of education and other related disciplines; school boards, provincial and territorial departments of education; educational and other organizations that focus on educational issues; or research consultants. Applicants can either nominate themselves or be nominated by another person.

OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES:

Support for Indigenous Students

Guide to funding programs for Indigenous students attending post-secondary educational institutions in Canada.

- Indigenous Services Canada: [Funding Programs – Education](#)
- University of Saskatchewan: [Scholarships and Bursaries for Indigenous Students](#)
- [Indspire](#): Financial assistance for First Nations, Metis and Inuit people.

Support for Canadian Students

- Universities Canada - [Scholarships](#)
- Calgary Foundation – [Grants, Awards, Loans](#)
- Canadian Association of Law Librarians – [Scholarships and Awards](#)
- CanLearn - [Scholarships](#)
- Canadian Federation of University Women - [Fellowships and Awards](#)
- Canadian Bureau for International Education - [Scholarships](#)
- Ontario Library Association – [Funding Opportunities](#)
- [Scholarships Canada](#)

Support for American Students

- [College Scholarships](#)
- [Library Land Index](#)
- ALA [ALA Scholarship Program](#)

