

# The W.L. Mackenzie King Memorial Scholarships

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## RE: MACKENZIE KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR 2022-23

Dear "Home University" Contact for the Mackenzie King Scholarships,

As in past years, information and application forms for the Mackenzie King Scholarships are available on the Mackenzie King Scholarships Website, [www.mkingscholarships.ca](http://www.mkingscholarships.ca). Applicants are able to download the application form and information sheet, in English and French, for both the Open and Travelling Scholarships. Please pass this information on to students who inquire about these scholarships. Please note that the application form and information sheet are essentially unchanged from last year. (The Website needs updating but the essential information is still accurate.)

We would appreciate hearing from you regarding any problems with the website or additional features that might be added to it.

**The results of the 2021-22 competition are attached to this announcement, as is a set of Frequently Asked Questions about application eligibility and process.**

I regret that this memo and the attached information are in English only. We welcome applications in French.

### APPLICATIONS TO THE HOME UNIVERSITY

For either the Open or the Travelling Scholarship, applicants must be holders of a Canadian university degree of any level. Applicants who have not yet finished their degree are eligible to apply provided they expect to finish it before the graduate studies to be supported by the scholarship begin. The present competition is for graduate study in the academic year 2022-23, beginning in or after September 2022. The scholarships are for one year only.

Applications must be made to the home university, which is the university from which the applicant has received or expects to receive her or his most recent Canadian degree. Applications submitted directly to the Selection Committee will not be considered. The Website advises that at most home universities, applications should be made to the Mackenzie King Scholarship Competition, c/o the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In universities that have no Graduate Studies Faculty, the Awards Office is given as the addressee to contact.

**As stated on our website, applicants must submit all required materials to your University by Tuesday, February 1, 2022.**

Letters of reference must be confidential, i.e. not accessible to the candidate. Referees may provide their letters in sealed, signed envelopes to be submitted by the candidate as part of a hard-copy application package, or referees may send them directly to the home university. Signed and scanned letters sent by email are acceptable as long as the referee sends them to the home university and not to the candidate.

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**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

For either scholarship, the candidate can apply for support in any year of a graduate program, whether master's or doctoral. The Open Scholarship is unrestricted as to subject matter or the country where the graduate study is to be pursued. The Travelling Scholarship is only available to support graduate study at an institution in the US or the UK in the field of international relations or industrial relations. The Selection Committee in the past has interpreted "international relations" broadly, as encompassing a program in any discipline as long as the topic is substantially concerned with the relationship between nations. If there is doubt about whether a particular application for the Travelling Scholarship meets the subject-matter criteria, please feel free to contact me.

**HOME UNIVERSITY NOMINATIONS TO THE SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Selection Committee asks each home university to nominate no more than two applicants for each of the two scholarship competitions, the Open Scholarship and the Travelling Scholarship. If you nominate two candidates for one scholarship and are able to rank them, that is very helpful. The Selection Committee does, however, reserve the right to choose a second-ranked candidate over a first-ranked candidate from the same university.

**We must receive your nominated candidates' files in digital (.pdf) form. Please forward them (one .pdf file for each candidate) to the email address, [mking.scholarships@ubc.ca](mailto:mking.scholarships@ubc.ca), to be received no later than Tuesday, March 15, 2022.**

**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE**

Please let me say how grateful we are to everyone at your university who helps us with the Mackenzie King Scholarship competition. We received 85 nominations last year for the Open Scholarship and another 22 for the four Travelling Scholarships. The Selection Committee are all volunteers. We could not cope with the several hundred applications that are submitted to home universities across Canada if it were not for your help in selecting the candidates you forward to us. We know how much time and trouble you must put into the screening of the applications. We only wish there were more than one Open (\$11,000 last year) and four Travelling Scholarships (\$12,500 last year) to award each year. On behalf of the Board of Scholarship Trustees and the Selection Committee, thank you very much.

Yours truly,



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## THE W.L. MACKENZIE KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS — RESULTS FOR 2021-22

Only the recipients and alternates shown were ranked. The other nominated candidates are not shown.

Candidates must be graduates of a Canadian university to be eligible, and must apply in the first instance to their “home university.” This is the Canadian university from which an applicant has received or expects to receive her or his most recent degree. The home university for each candidate is noted in parentheses. Each home university may nominate two candidates for the Open Scholarship and two for the Travelling Scholarship.

When a candidate is shown as having declined an award, it may be due to a change in the candidate’s plans, or to the candidate having other scholarship support that, in total, exceeds our current “cap” of expected tuition plus CAD 18,000.

### Open Scholarship (1 x \$11,000) (for graduate study in any country in any discipline)

- R Mr. **Qi Feng Lin** (Alberta) **Declined.**
- 2 Ms. **Rachel Singleton-Polster** (Simon Fraser) **Accepted \$11,000.**
- 3 Ms. **Cassidy Bereskin** (McMaster) **No award.**
- 4 Ms. **Lauren Chang** (Guelph) **No award.**
- 5 Ms. **Wendy Reid Fairhurst** (Memorial of Newfoundland) **No award.**
- 6 Ms. **Nikita Kamblé-Bagal** (Ottawa) **No award.**
- 7 Mr. **Colin Krawchuk** (Winnipeg) **No award.**
- 8 Mr. **Christopher Yurris** (St. Francis Xavier) **No award.**
- 9 Mr. **Antoine Czudi-Vallée** (Montréal) **No award.**
- 10 Mr. **Matthew H. Pereira-Wilson** (Victoria) **No award.**
- 11 Ms. **Emma A.-M. Stanley** (British Columbia) **No award.**

### Travelling Scholarships (4 x \$12,500) (for graduate study in the US or the UK in international or industrial relations)

- R Ms. **Shannon Jankari** (Toronto) **Accepted \$12,500.**
- R Mr. **Sylvan Lutz** (Ottawa) **Accepted 12,500.**
- R Ms. **Claudia Serrano** (Montréal) **Declined.**
- R Ms. **Adelaide A. Strickland** (St. Francis Xavier) **Declined.**
- 5 Ms. **(Christina) Chang Pan** (British Columbia). **Accepted \$12,500.**
- 6 Mr. **Tristan E. Masson** (Concordia) **Declined.**
- 7 Ms. **Kirsten Gallant** (St. Francis Xavier) **Accepted \$12,500.**
- 8 Mr. **Brody McDonald** (Victoria) **No award.**
- 9 Mr. **David Xing** (Montréal) **No award.**
- 10 Ms. **Katherine L.S. Greene** (Queen’s) **No award.**
- 11 Ms. **Naushin Hooda** (Waterloo) **No award.**
- 12 Mr. **Maxwell A. Townsend** (Queen’s) **No award.**

## MACKENZIE KING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS — FAQs

### APPLICANT'S BACKGROUND

*The applicant's previous university degree(s) are from outside Canada, but they plan to do graduate study in Canada. Are they eligible?*

They are not eligible. According to the terms of the scholarship trust, they must be graduates of (meaning they hold a degree from) a Canadian university as of the time that tenure of the scholarship would begin. It is not sufficient to be enrolled in a Canadian graduate program.

*If an applicant has a Canadian degree, but is not a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, are they eligible?*

Yes, international students are eligible if they have a Canadian university degree (undergraduate or graduate) as of the time that tenure of the scholarship would begin.

*An applicant has a degree from Canadian university A and commenced graduate studies at Canadian university B last September. Which is their "home university" for the purpose of applying?*

We regard university B as their home university because they are already known there. If the applicant has not yet spent any time at university B, their home university is university A, regardless of whether they have already been accepted into the B program.

### PROPOSED PROGRAM OF GRADUATE STUDY

*Is an applicant eligible if they are going into the second or a subsequent year of a graduate program (master's or doctoral)?*

Yes, the scholarships are available to support any year of a graduate program. However, the Selection Committee usually gives a student who is very nearly finished (in the last year of a doctoral program or in a shortened second year in a master's program) lower priority than an equally strong applicant who is at an earlier stage of their program. Postdoctoral studies are not eligible.

*What studies can the scholarship be applied to?*

The scholarships, both Open and Travelling, are to support one year of study commencing in or after the following September. They can be applied to any expense. The Travelling Scholarships are not restricted to travel expenses; the name only reflects that they are restricted to graduate study in the United States or the United Kingdom (in international or industrial relations).

*For the Travelling Scholarships, what counts as international relations or industrial relations?*

The Selection Committee interprets both terms broadly. The program does not have to be called "international relations" or "industrial relations." For example, studies in Law, History, or Development Studies qualify as international relations, for our purposes, as long as they are focused to a substantial extent on relationships between states.

*Are part-time graduate studies eligible?*

Yes, applicants planning part-time studies are eligible to apply for a scholarship. However, they will be given a lower priority in the competition than equally strong applicants who are in a full-time program.

**OTHER FUNDING***What other scholarship support can an applicant have?*

The current maximum scholarship support, including the Mackenzie King, that a student can have in the year of the scholarship is the amount of tuition actually payable, plus CAD 18,000 (the “cap”). The CAD 18,000 figure is subject to change. The applicant does not need to state on their application what other scholarship support they are applying for. They are only asked about other scholarship support if they are offered a scholarship. However, they are asked to state on their application (on sheet A) what awards they have already received, the year(s) to which each award applies, and the annual value of each award. If a student knows at the time of application that they already have scholarship funding for the next academic year that exceeds the “cap”, there is no point in applying. “Scholarship support” does not include salary for services such as research or teaching assistance. A student can accept a Mackenzie King scholarship for a reduced amount if they have other scholarship support that leaves them room under the “cap” for only a partial award.

**COMPETITIVENESS OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS***How many nominations does the Selection Committee receive?*

In a typical year, we receive about 80-90 nominations for the single Open Scholarship. Each home university is limited to forwarding two nominations to us for this scholarship. We typically receive about 25-30 nominations for the (usually) four Travelling Scholarships, again with each home university being limited to two nominations. The reason for the much lower number is the eligibility restrictions for the Travelling Scholarship (graduate study in the US or the UK in international or industrial relations). The Open Scholarship is unrestricted by place of study or by discipline.

*On what criteria are nominated applicants ranked?*

The primary criterion applied by the Selection Committee is the strength of the university academic record. All years are taken into account. The comparison is not strictly on the numbers. The additional information that is asked for on the application, including the description of the applicant’s study plans on sheet B, is used to distinguish between applicants with comparable academic records. The letters of reference are given substantial weight.

*What should be provided in the letters of reference?*

Letters of reference must be confidential (i.e. not accessible by the applicant), and may be sent directly to the home university to which the application is to be submitted. If the letter is sent in digital form, it must be signed and scanned. Referees need not follow any particular format. They are asked to include any information that they think would be helpful to the Selection Committee in assessing the strength of the candidate.