

Canadian Northern  Fiduciaire canadienne  
Studies Trust d'études nordiques  
**Dr. Jim McDonald Scholarship for Northern Research**

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1. The Association of Canadian Universities 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.
2. Proposals are invited from candidates working in the social sciences and humanities:
  - engage in research culminating in a thesis or other such document;
  - whose program makes a contribution to the North; and,
  - who demonstrate leadership in northern scholarship.
3. The research project must involve a northern fieldwork component that is conducted in northern Canada or the circumpolar north between May 2018 and March 2019.
4. The selection committee will be guided by the following considerations:
  - academic record
  - the quality of the written application
  - the potential benefits of the proposed research
  - the referees' reports
  - the applicants' leadership skills and interest in, and commitment to northern scholarship

**General Criteria**

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You must:

- be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;
- be enrolled full-time in college or university at the time of application AND over the tenure of the award;
- not concurrently hold two CNST awards, but you may hold other awards and financial support while holding a CNST award;
- include a northern fieldwork component in your research that is conducted between May (in the year you receive your award) and the following March or May (depending on specific award). *Note: fieldwork is not required for the Gunther Abrahamson Research and Management Award; and*



- conduct your research project in the North as defined here  
<http://acuns.ca/website/awards/northern-boundary-map/>.

## Application Instructions

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There are three parts to a CNST application, the application form, referee's reports and transcripts. **All three parts must be received in the office before January 31, 2018.**

### a) Application

Please read award guidelines and instructions carefully before completing the form. In order to apply, you will be required to create a CNST account by clicking the signup button at [www.acuns.ca](http://www.acuns.ca). Once you have registered, you will receive an email to confirm. Your CNST account will allow you to save your application and track the progress of your application(s), referee reports and transcripts.

### b) Referee Reports

For this award, applicants are asked to have two referees complete the online referee's report. The first must be from an instructor or supervisor of the directed study. The second report should be from the community partner acknowledging the relevance of the project and describe the contribution of the planned outreach activity to the community partner. During the application process, you will be asked to enter the names and email addresses of the individuals you will ask to serve as referees in support of your application. Referees will receive an email directly which will include the report to be completed. If you are applying to more than one CNST Award, your referee is required to complete a separate form for each application. Upon submission of the report, your CNST account will be updated to reflect its completion.

### c) Transcripts

Only original transcripts will be accepted. Please note that it can take several weeks to have official transcripts ordered and delivered. It is highly recommended that you order these well in advance of the application deadline. Please send one copy of all required grade transcripts **in a single package** to:

***Canadian Northern Studies Trust Program c/o ACUNS  
32 Colonnade Road, Suite 200  
Ottawa, Ontario K2E 7J6***



**General Award Information**

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- For projects including field research outside of Canada, the relevance and benefit of the circumpolar (Finland, Greenland (Denmark), Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the USA-Alaska) fieldwork to Canadian northern scholarship must be clearly indicated.
- Applications are reviewed by a multi-disciplinary committee; technical jargon should be kept to a minimum.
- Applications to more than one CNST Award require each referee to complete a separate form for each application.
- Award recipients are identified in May. Only successful candidates will be notified.
- Payment will be issued in instalments and is to be used as a stipend.