



POLAR Scholarship

1. Polar Knowledge Canada offers one scholarship valued at \$10,000 available to students who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada presently enrolled full-time in a doctoral program at a Canadian university.
2. Proposals are invited from candidates who (a) engage in research culminating in a thesis or other such document, (b) have an interdisciplinary emphasis to their research, (c) demonstrate excellence in Polar studies, and, (d) are willing to communicate results in a major national or Northern forum.
3. The Selection Committee will be guided by the following considerations: academic record, potential benefit of the research, originality, innovative approach, and the applicants' interest in, and commitment to, polar studies. Eligible proposals must demonstrate in their application how their project will help achieve Polar Knowledge Canada's mandate: <https://www.canada.ca/en/polar-knowledge.html>.
4. The research must involve a northern fieldwork component that is conducted between May (in the year the award is granted) and the following March.

CNST Common Criteria

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 your 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

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. 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, one of which must be from the supervisor of the research project and must demonstrate the interdisciplinary qualities of the student. 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 official 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

- For projects including field research outside of Canada, the relevance and benefit of the circumpolar 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.