

The Gunther Abrahamson Research and Management Award

1. Sponsored by the Caribou Management Scholarship Fund, which is maintained by the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB), this award is valued between \$1,500 and \$5,000. The Gunther Abrahamson Research and Management Award is offered to Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada enrolled in college or university pursuing studies that contribute to the understanding of barren-ground caribou and their habitat, or that would have application to caribou conservation and management. Students conducting traditional knowledge studies as well as scientific studies are encouraged to apply.
2. In making the selection for the awards, the Gunther Abrahamson Research and Management Award will take into account: individuals who normally reside in one of the communities on the range of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq barren ground caribou herds; students furthering education/training in natural resources, preferably related to caribou; students who are conducting research on one or both of these caribou herds or their habitat; and students conducting research on barren ground caribou generally. Other considerations will be the quality of the application, potential benefit of the research, relevant experience and future aspirations, and the referee's reports. The final amount of the award will be determined by the BQCMB based on the relevance and merits of the proposed work.
3. The research may involve a northern fieldwork component that is conducted between May in the year the award is granted and the following May; however, *fieldwork is not required for this particular award.*
4. The award covers an eleven-month period of study. Payment will be issued in two installments and is to be used as stipend. Proof of registration and one progress report are required. First payment will be issued after proof of September registration is received.

Value of award	\$1,500 – \$5,000 (final amount of the award will be determined by the BQCMB based on the relevance and merits of the proposed work)
Number of available awards	1



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Discipline	Studies that contribute to the understanding of barren-ground caribou and their habitat, or that would have application to caribou conservation and management
Other	Students conducting traditional knowledge studies as well as scientific studies are encouraged to apply
Program	Enrolled in a graduate program at a Canadian university
Conditions	(1) individuals who normally reside in one of the communities on the range of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq barren ground caribou herds
	(2) students furthering education/training in natural resources, preferably related to caribou
	(3) students who are conducting research on one or both of these caribou herds or their habitat
	(4) students conducting research on barren ground caribou generally
Selection criteria	academic record
	quality of the application
	referee reports
	relevant experience and future aspirations



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General 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 the award;
- not concurrently hold two ACUNS awards, but you may hold other awards and financial support while holding an ACUNS 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.**

a) Application

Please read award guidelines and instructions carefully before completing the form. In order to apply, you will be required to create an ACUNS account by clicking the signup button at www.acuns.ca. Once you have registered, you will receive an email to confirm. Your ACUNS 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 a course instructor or the supervisor of the research project. 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 ACUNS Award, your referee is required to complete a separate form for each application.** Upon submission of the report, your ACUNS account will be updated to reflect its completion.

c) Transcripts

Electronic copies of official transcripts may be sent to awards@acuns.ca. 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:

ACUNS Awards Program
c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies
P.O. Box 30017
Ottawa, ON K2H 1A3



General Award Information

- 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