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## **POLAR Northern Resident Scholarship**

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1. Polar Knowledge Canada is sponsoring four scholarships, valued at \$10,000 each, for Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada who are identified as long-term residents\* of Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Yukon, or the Provincial north, and are currently enrolled in a post-secondary graduate diploma/degree program at a Canadian college or university (PhD or Master's).  
\*A "long-term resident" is identified as a person who has resided in the north for eight years or more. ACUNS defines northern Canada as the region on or above the line indicated on the Northern Boundary Map: <http://acuns.ca/website/awards/northern-boundary-map/>
2. Proposals are invited from candidates from all subject areas who (a) engage in research culminating in a thesis or other such document, (b) include direct northern field research in Canada or the circumpolar north, (c) whose program makes a contribution to the North and (d) who demonstrate leadership in northern scholarship.  
*Note: For projects including field research outside of Canada, the relevance and benefit of the circumpolar fieldwork to Canadian northern scholarship must be clearly indicated.*
3. The research project must involve a northern fieldwork component that is conducted in northern Canada or the circumpolar north (Finland, Greenland (Denmark), Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the USA-Alaska) between May (the year the scholarship is granted) and March (of the following year).
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, and the applicants' leadership skills and interest in, and commitment to northern scholarship. 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>.



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## AT A GLANCE Northern Resident Scholarship

<b>Value of award</b>	\$10,000
<b>Number of available awards</b>	4
<b>Discipline</b>	All subject areas
<b>Program</b>	Graduate diploma/degree program at a Canadian college or university
<b>Conditions</b>	(1) long-term residents of Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Yukon, or the Provincial north
	(2) engage in research culminating in a thesis or other such document
	(3) include direct northern field research in Canada or the circumpolar North
	(4) program makes a contribution to the North
	(5) leadership in northern scholarship.
<b>Selection criteria</b>	academic record
	quality of the application
	referees' report
	outreach activity
	leadership skills and interest in, and commitment to northern scholarship
	Eligible proposals must demonstrate in their application how their project will help achieve Polar Knowledge Canada's mandate: <a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/polar-knowledge.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/polar-knowledge.html</a> .



## 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 your 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 or the POLAR Northern Resident 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 an ACUNS 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](http://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 one referee complete the online referee's



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report. The report must be from an instructor or supervisor of the directed study. During the application process, you will be asked to enter the name and email address of the individual you will ask to serve as a referee 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) NEW! Transcripts**

*Electronic copies* of official transcripts may be sent to awards@acuns.ca. Only **your graduate (Master's and Doctoral) transcripts are necessary**. 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.**

If sending paper transcripts by mail, please send one copy of all required official grade transcripts, **in a single package to:**

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



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## General Award Information

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- 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 ACUNS 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.