POLAR Antarctic Doctoral Scholarship

1. Polar Knowledge Canada offers four scholarships valued at $10,000 and available to students who are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, and over the tenure of this scholarship, enrolled full-time in a doctoral program at a Canadian university.

2. Proposals are invited from candidates who (a) engage in plausible Antarctic 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 polar 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.
### AT A GLANCE

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Common Criteria.

You must:

➢ be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident;

➢ be enrolled full-time in a recognized Canadian university at the time of application and over the tenure of your award; AND

➢ not concurrently hold two ACUNS awards, but you may hold other awards and financial support while holding an ACUNS award.
Application Instructions

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 two referees complete the online referee’s 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) Transcripts
*Electronic copies* of **official transcripts** may be sent to awards@acuns.ca. Only your **most up-to date doctoral transcript is 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 Awards Program**

c/o Association of Canadian Universities for Northern Studies

P.O. Box 30017

Ottawa, ON K2H 1A3
General Award Information

➢ 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.