



Association of
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Dr. Weston Blake Jr Memorial Doctoral Scholarship

Dr. Blake was a quaternary geologist who spent over 50 Arctic seasons in Canada, Greenland, and Svalbard, beginning in 1952. Throughout his career, spent almost entirely at the Geological Survey of Canada, he encouraged students to join in field expeditions, and often worked with interdisciplinary teams.

1. ACUNS offers one scholarship valued at \$10,000 available to students who are citizens or permanent residents of Canada presently enrolled in a doctoral program at a Canadian university.
2. Proposals are invited from candidates studying the physical sciences including interdisciplinary and comparative studies who (a) engage in research culminating in a thesis or other such document, (b) include direct northern field research or experience as part of their studies, and (c) whose programs are relevant to northern challenges or issues.
3. The selection committee will be guided by the following considerations: academic record, the quality of the application, potential benefit of the research, originality, referee's reports, and the applicants' interest in, and commitment to, the North and northern scholarship.
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.**

AT A GLANCE
Dr. Weston Blake Jr. Memorial Doctoral Scholarship

Value of award	\$10,000
Number of available awards	1
Discipline	All areas of physical sciences including interdisciplinary and comparative studies
Program	Enrolled in a doctoral program at a Canadian university
Conditions	(1) include direct northern field research or experience as part of their studies
	(2) engage in research culminating in a paper or other such document
	(3) program relevant to northern challenges or issues
Selection criteria	academic record
	quality of the application
	referee reports
	potential benefit of the research
	applicants' interest in, and commitment to, the North and northern studies

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); 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 an ACUNS award 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 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

Digital copies of official transcripts may be sent to awards@acuns.ca. Only your most recent 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 by mail, please send one copy of all required official grade post-secondary transcripts, in a single package to:

***ACUNS Scholarship Program
c/o ACUNS
PO Box 30017
Ottawa, Ontario 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.