

CNST Scholarship

1. The Canadian Northern Studies Trust (CNST) 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 from all subject areas including interdisciplinary and comparative studies:
 - (a) who 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 research must involve a northern fieldwork component that is conducted in northern Canada or the circumpolar north ([see *Northern Boundary line*](#)), between May (in the year the award is granted) and the following March.
4. 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 applicant's interest in, and commitment to, the north and northern scholarship.



AT A GLANCE
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Value of award	\$10,000
Number of available awards	1
Discipline	All subject areas including interdisciplinary and comparative studies
Program	Enrolled in a doctoral program at a Canadian university
Individual award criteria	(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
	Individual award criteria
	Applicant's 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](https://acuns.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Interactive-Northern-Boundary-Map-Google-Chrome-2019-10-30-110102-AM.jpg). (<https://acuns.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Interactive-Northern-Boundary-Map-Google-Chrome-2019-10-30-110102-AM.jpg>)



Application Instructions

There are three parts to an ACUNS application: the application form, referee reports, and transcripts. **All three parts must be received by ACUNS by 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 [ACUNS Online Application Site](https://acuns.ca/students-post-docs/application-instructions/) button on our website (acuns.ca/students-post-docs/application-instructions/). 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 must 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 need to enter the names and email addresses of the individuals whom you have chosen to serve as referees in support of your application. Referees will receive an email directly from the online application site 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

- 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 ACUNS award require each referee to complete a separate form for each application.
- Award recipients are identified in late-May. Only successful candidates will be notified.
- Payment will be issued in instalments and is to be used as a stipend.
- If you have any questions, please visit our website, [*Students: Frequently Asked Questions*](#), or email our office at awards@acuns.ca.