Carleton University | Awards and Financial Aid

The 2026-2027 application form for

Gordon Robertson National Inuit Scholarship

Terms

Awarded annually to one or two undergraduate or graduate students from an Inuit community. Eligible recipients will be either entering or proceeding from one year to the next in a program at Carleton University. The Vice-Provost of Graduate Studies will award to selected graduate recipients. Preference will be given to Inuit students undertaking scholarly or research work of benefit, either in the present or the future, to Inuit communities in the Canadian Arctic (Nunavut) and including Newfoundland and Labrador, the Northwest Territories and Quebec.

Endowed in 2004 by Gordon Robertson, C.C. Gordon Robertson, had an illustrious career with the Canadian government. Over the course of thirty-eight years, he served in a variety of capacities including Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Clerk of the Privy Council and Commissioner of the Northwest Territories. Tributes to his public service include the Vanier Medal, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and a Companion of the Order of Canada.

Mr. Robertson's association with Carleton began in the early 1960s when he was appointed a member of the Board of Governors (1962-1971). In 1980, he became Carleton's fifth Chancellor, a position he held until 1990. In that year he received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University and in 1992 was named the University's first Chancellor Emeritus.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be an undergraduate or graduate student proceeding from one year to another in an academic program at Carleton University
- Applicant must be enrolled full time
- Applicant must be in good academic standing
- Preference will be given to Inuit students undertaking scholarly or research work of benefit, either in the present or the future, to Inuit communities in the Canadian Arctic (Nunavut) and including Newfoundland and Labrador, the Northwest Territories and Quebec.

Instructions

- Provide one (1) letter of academic recommendation. The letter should show clear support of how you are an excellent candidate for the Gordon Robertson National Inuit Scholarship. Be sure to choose a person from one of the following sources: *A professor who has taught a class you successfully completed, thesis advisor, graduate supervisor, dean of a faculty, a director of a school or institute, or a chair of a department/program*. They must write a letter that will speak to your experiences meeting the specific eligibility criteria as well as the ways in which you exemplify the values of this award
- Complete the entire form and submit all documents directly to Awards and Financial Aid: **awards@carleton.ca**
- Late or incomplete applications will **not** be considered

Deadline

February 1

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Section 1

Personal information

Last Name | First Name | Carleton Student ID

Program | Major or concentration

Year of Study | Carleton email (firstnamelastname@cmail.carleton.ca)

Indigenous Status Declaration

If you have selected that you identify as Indigenous, applicants will be required to submit supporting documentation in adherence with Carleton University's Admissions and Awards Limited to Indigenous (First Nation, Métis and Inuit) Candidates ***Policy****. For further information and to view the list of accepted documents that can be used for verification, please refer to* ***Confirming Indigenous Identity for Awards****.*

Do you self-identify as an Inuk student?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

If yes, which region do you come from?

☐ Nunavut

☐ Nunavik

☐ Inuvialuit Settlement Region

☐ Nunatsiavut

☐ Other, please specify:

Which community do you belong to:

Section 2

Describe your academic and career goals.

Section 3

Service to your Inuit Community(ies).

Please describe the contributions you have made to your community(ies), for example, through volunteer (or paid) work, committee or other types of group participation, etc. (if you require more space, please attach response on separate piece of paper).

Section 4

Write a 500 – 600 word essay on the topic below. Please attach the essay to the application form.

Topic:

How do you think your studies and research will benefit Inuit communities in the Canadian Arctic (Nunavut) and including Newfoundland and Labrador, the Northwest Territories and Quebec?

In this essay, you must explain how the program you have chosen, and/or the courses within this program, will help you make a difference. Also, if you have already begun to design or carry out research, you may talk about how this research will have a positive influence on life for Inuit in the Northern communities.

Have you attached the **required documentation** to verify your Indigenous status?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 6

Student Declaration

I authorize Carleton University to release a copy of this application to the appropriate awards selection committee(s) and to the award donor, including my academic record and financial need information in order to adjudicate my application for an award. If requested, I agree to provide the Awards Office with any documentation necessary to verify the information on this application. I declare that the above information is true and accurate. If any information is inaccurate, I understand that an award may be reassessed and/or withdrawn.

Signature of Applicant

Date

At Carleton University, we recognize and respect the importance of privacy. Personal information that we collect is kept confidential. In accordance with section 41 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Carleton University will only use the information in its custody or control in the following circumstances: where the individual identifies the particular information and consents to its use; for the purpose for which it was collected or a consistent purpose (i.e. a purpose which the individual might have reasonably expected).