

# *Dr. Joy Calkin \$5,000 Student Bursary for Early Childhood Study and Research*

***Deadline: February 15, 2023***

The Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights at Carleton University invites applications for the Dr. Joy Calkin student bursary for a senior Indigenous student (4<sup>th</sup> year undergrad or graduate student) studying early childhood using a rights-based approach. Early childhood is defined as preschool age children generally under six.

With funding support from The Muttart Family Foundation, the Landon Pearson Centre created the bursary in memory of Dr. Joy Calkin, a long-time member and director of The Foundation, who passed away in 2020. The award also builds on the Hon. Landon Pearson's advocacy work and life-long dedication to the development of children's rights in Canada.

We invite applications from students studying early childhood or researching issues that impact early childhood. These issues might include but not limited to: maternal and child health; childbirth; postnatal care and nurture; promoting children's health and well-being in early childhood; issues in early childhood education; access to early learning and care opportunities; supporting families with young children; and policy research that supports the right to play.

The student bursary is in the amount of \$5,000. The recipient agrees to use the funds for education-related expenses (\$4500) and subsequent travel costs (\$500) to enable award recipients to give a brief presentation of their project at the annual Child Rights Academic Network (CRAN) conference in Ottawa, Ontario on April 28, 2023.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

1. First Nations, Métis or Inuit students (4th year undergraduate or graduate student standing) enrolled full-time in a program focusing on children and youth, children's rights, or allied field at a Canadian university are eligible to apply for the award.
2. Funds must be spent on educational expenses directly related to the student's honours research paper or capstone project for fourth year students; graduate major research paper, thesis or dissertation approved by their academic advisor for graduate students. Eligibility must be confirmed in the academic letter of recommendation.

## **APPLICATION AND DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2023**

Please provide the following 5 materials by the deadline as one pdf document via email with the subject line "Dr. Joy Calkin Bursary application" to: [VirginiaCaputo@cunet.carleton.ca](mailto:VirginiaCaputo@cunet.carleton.ca) by February 15, 2023.

1. **Up to 500-word project description** that includes the research problem and question(s), research objectives and aims, methods, primary research tasks, and potential outcomes.
2. **Up to 300-word statement** that elaborates how the research uses a children's rights-based approach
3. Plan for research (one page max).
4. Curriculum Vitae
5. One academic letter of recommendation (included or under separate cover)

## **THE AWARD**

The recipient receives \$5,000 issued upon acceptance of the award.