

Scholarship for SOAN Undergraduate Indigenous, Black and Racialized Students

Originally established in 2020 by the faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the department, this award has been joined by a second scholarship created in 2023.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology is pleased to offer two awards, each valued at \$1,250, to support undergraduate students from Indigenous, Black, and racialized backgrounds.

Terms and Eligibility

Two awards valued at \$1,250 each. Awarded annually by the Department of Sociology and Anthropology on the recommendation of the Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology to an outstanding Indigenous, Black or Racialized student enrolled in an undergraduate program in Sociology or Anthropology. Application is required.

The aim of this scholarship is to support outstanding Indigenous, Black, and racialized undergraduate students in Sociology and Anthropology **with a priority given to those** who are coming from families in which they belong to the first generation attending university.

Faculty and students in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Carleton University pursue a wide range of academic, community, and pedagogical interests. Both the Sociology and Anthropology programs are committed to social justice, critical thinking, and rigorous research and teaching. We help students develop skills for addressing social issues across a range of contexts. Research and courses within the department touch on citizenship, globalization, migration, cultural studies, gender and feminist theories, criminology, social movements, youth cultures, race and racialization, childhood studies, political economy, education, symbolism, rituals, colonialism, health, labour, development, Indigenous issues, environment, and language, to name only a few.

In light of growing anti-racism and decolonization efforts and our recognition that we are working on a campus located on unceded Algonquin Anishinaabe territory, we are starting to systematically apply this social justice lens in a tangible way to our own programs and department. Recognizing that Indigenous, Black and racialized students are typically underrepresented in academia, and more likely to be systemically disadvantaged and oppressed by historical and contemporary inequities, we are establishing this award to honor and support academic excellence among Black, Indigenous and Racialized undergraduate students in one of our Sociology or Anthropology BA programs.

These awards are valued at \$1,250 for the 2026/2027 academic year.

**Application Deadline:
October 1st, 2026**

Successful candidate will be notified by October 31, 2026

General Eligibility Criteria

- Indigenous, Black or Racialized undergraduate students enrolled full-time in a BA program in Sociology or Anthropology.
- Demonstrated academic potential and/or dedication to promoting social justice and social change.
- Demonstrated contribution to the Sociology or Anthropology program at Carleton and/or to their Indigenous or racialized community.

Instructions

1. This is a fillable form. Please complete and submit this application to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology Office (if the deadline date lands on a weekend, application must be submitted the first working day after the deadline date).
2. Student should not include any additional attachments (e.g. resumes, portfolios, photos, certificates, etc.). However, students may re-type the questions with their answers (this will not be considered an attachment).
3. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Submit by October 1, 2026 to: Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Carleton University email: soc-anthro@carleton.ca or in person at B750 Loeb Building.

Section 1: Personal Information

Last Name

First Name(s)

Student Number

Home Address: Unit, # and Street

City

Prov/Territory

Postal Code

Telephone

Carleton Program & Year

Canadian Citizen: ☐

Permanent Resident: ☐

Protected Person: ☐

Visa/International Student: ☐

Identity: Voluntary Declaration

Do you identify as Indigenous, Black or racialized? If yes, please select the group with which you identify.

☐ Indigenous (This means that you identify as a member of the First Peoples of Canada meaning, in general terms, First Nation, Metis, Inuit, Indigenous, or specifically by your home community or Nation.)

☐ Black

☐ A member of another racialized community:

Section 2: Personal Statements
(You may use space provided or separate attachment)

- 1.) Explain how receiving this scholarship would assist you in achieving your goals.

- 2.) Why do you think you are a good candidate for this scholarship? Include in your discussion, **if relevant or applicable**, how this relates to you coming from a family in which you belong to the first generation attending university.

- 3.) Please describe your (planned) contribution to the communities (potentially including Sociology or Anthropology, Carleton, your Indigenous or racialized community and/or other communities) that you participate in.

Section 3: Student Declaration

I authorize Carleton University and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology 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 Department of Sociology and Anthropology 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/Student

Date

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