

After completing a master's degree in her home country of Nigeria, Chioma Abuba says she wanted to go abroad to continue her studies. Professors in Dal's history department encouraged her to apply for the Killam scholarship, which has allowed her to research ethnic identities in her native country.

"I want to contribute my voice to the burgeoning literature on ethnic identities, which I believe is a major factor in global history and global international relations – we see the resurgence of ethnic nationalism, and Nigeria has had its fair share."

"My aim is to show that ethnicities are historical processes," she continues. "They are not natural. They are real, but they can change, and if we understand it, we can better manage our differences."

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