

PHD SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

The Faculty of Agriculture has established PhD Scholarships for Excellence in Agricultural Research. These scholarships are valued at \$10,000 per year for up to three years and will be awarded to outstanding PhD students registered in the PhD in Agricultural Sciences Program. Matching funds from the senior supervisor of the student are required to receive this award.

- Students must have applied, been accepted to, or be currently enrolled in their first year as a full time student in the PhD in Agricultural Sciences program at the Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture. The award is tenable only at the Faculty of Agriculture.
- The scholarship is valued at \$10,000 per year and is renewable (subject to an annual progress review, first-class standing required) for a maximum of 3 years total as a PhD student. Continued funding in years 2 and 3 hinges on satisfactory progress, as evaluated through an annual progress report, first-class standing, and supervisor confirmation.
- The senior supervisor of the student has to match the scholarship with stipend support of at least \$10k per year for three years. Professors may use funds from any appropriate federal or provincial research-funding source.
- An admission GPA of at least 3.70 is required for eligibility.
- Candidates who hold other scholarships of any kind, including scholarships internal and external to Dalhousie University, may receive the PhD Scholarship for Excellence in Agricultural Research as a "top-up award" to their other awards, the total not exceeding \$30,000 per academic year.
- Fees are not waived and must be paid out of the award.
- Application deadline: **15 August**
- Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- Application and renewal request form can be found at <https://www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture/programs/graduate-studies/financial-support.html>

DOCUMENTATION TO ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION**New applicants are required to submit:**

- Undergraduate and graduate transcripts; unofficial transcripts will be accepted for reviewing purposes, however official transcripts will be required upon acceptance of the award.
- A *Curriculum Vitae* (**2 pages maximum**), emphasizing scholarly contributions (e.g. publications, invited talks) and research awards or recognitions.
- A research proposal. This should NOT exceed a total of TWO typewritten pages. Applicants should explain how their research is aligned with Faculty of Agriculture and University strategic research goals, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
- A letter from the senior supervisor confirming matching stipend support of at least \$10,000 per year for 3 years. The letter must state the funding source, and append an email from the Dalhousie's Research & Special Purpose Accounting Unit (Financial Services) confirming that sufficient funds are available.
- Two academic letters of reference, one of which must be from the proposed academic supervisor. Letters of support should comment on:
 - **Academic excellence**, as demonstrated by past academic results, transcripts, awards and distinctions
 - **Research Potential**, as demonstrated by the applicant's research history, quality and originality of past research contributions, interest in discovery, judgement and ability to think critically, independence, and overall achievement relative to their peers
 - **The proposed research**, its potential contribution to the advancement of knowledge in the field, and any anticipated outcomes.
 - **Personal characteristics and interpersonal skills**, as demonstrated by the applicant's past professional and relevant extracurricular interactions, leadership experiences, and collaborations

Incumbents who want to renew their scholarship are required to submit by the one-year anniversary of the award:

- A Progress report (2 pp max). The report should detail research progress and plans, and an update on progress towards completing other program requirements, e.g. courses, teaching assistantships, etc. Listing of peer reviewed papers published, accepted, or in preparation for submission to journals, abstracts or proceedings from conferences, extension materials developed (e.g. fact sheets or posters for industry partners), and similar relevant examples of productivity are useful, and may be included as appendices.
- Transcript (unofficial is acceptable) for the PhD in Agricultural Sciences program.
- Letter from senior supervisor confirming continued funding. This letter should describe, with examples, the supervisor's level of satisfaction with the student's progress, and email confirmation of continued funding availability from Dalhousie's Research & Special Purpose Accounting Unit.

APPLICATIONS (NEW AND RENEWALS) ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

Graduate Studies Office
Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University
62 Cumming Drive
Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada, B2N 5E3

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- MUST BE WORD-PROCESSED OR TYPEWRITTEN
- APPLICATION DEADLINE: 15 AUGUST

NAME:	
STUDENT NUMBER:	
CURRENT LOCAL MAILING ADDRESS:	
E-MAIL:	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH:	
CITIZENSHIP: <input type="checkbox"/> CANADIAN CITIZEN <input type="checkbox"/> PERMANENT RESIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
HOME PROVINCE:	COUNTRY:

ACADEMIC RECORD (INCLUDING CURRENT DALHOUSIE GRADUATE PROGRAM):			
UNIVERSITY	DEGREE	DISCIPLINE	MONTH/YEAR OF (EXPECTED) COMPLETION

SCHOLARSHIPS OR RECOGNITIONS CURRENTLY OR PREVIOUSLY HELD (LIST MOST RECENT AND PRESTIGIOUS):			
SCHOLARSHIP NAME	DATES HELD (D/M/Y)	SOURCE	VALUE

ACADEMIC PROGRAM FOR WHICH SCHOLARSHIP IS REQUESTED:		
PROGRAM:	DEPARTMENT:	PROGRAM START DATE (M/Y):

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS FOR NEW APPLICATIONS (CHECK BOXES TO INDICATE INCLUSION OF ATTACHMENT):
<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSCRIPTS
<input type="checkbox"/> CURRICULUM VITAE (TWO-PAGE LIMIT)
<input type="checkbox"/> TWO LETTERS OF SUPPORT
<input type="checkbox"/> RESEARCH PROPOSAL (TWO-PAGE LIMIT)
<input type="checkbox"/> CONFIRMATION OF MATCHING STIPEND FROM SENIOR SUPERVISOR

NAME OF APPLICANT	SIGNATURE	DATE
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