

BMO FINANCIAL GROUP GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURE

BMO Financial Group created the *BMO Financial Group Graduate Scholarship in Agriculture* to support the attraction and retention of top graduate students to the Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University. This scholarship will be instrumental in the development of the next generation of researchers in agriculture. This scholarship will provide one or more award(s) per year to a top student(s). The number of awards and the amount (up to \$25,000) of each scholarship will be at the discretion of the Graduate Studies or Awards Committee.

- This award is intended to attract outstanding students into a program of studies leading to a graduate degree (MSc or PhD) at the Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University. The recipient will have shown academic and research excellence.
- Preference will be to students in the PhD Agricultural Sciences program. If there are no suitable PhD candidates, MSc students will be eligible.
- Students must have applied for or have completed no more than two (2) semesters of full-time study in the PhD or MSc graduate program in the Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University.
- An admission GPA of at least 3.70 is required for eligibility.
- The scholarship may be renewable (at the discretion of the Graduate Studies or Awards Committee and subject to a satisfactory annual progress review, as well as maintaining a first-class standing).
- The award is tenable only at the Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University.
- Fees are not waived and must be paid out of the award.
- Incomplete applications **will not** be processed.
- Application and annual renewal request deadline: **March 30**
- 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

Applicants are required to submit:

- A *Curriculum Vitae* (**2 pages maximum**), emphasizing scholarly contributions (e.g. peer-reviewed 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 [Dalhousie University](#) strategic research goals, **AND** the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).
- Three academic letters of reference, one of which must be from the proposed academic supervisor. Letters of support should comment on the following:
 - **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.

APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

Graduate Studies Office
Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University
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