

THE BYERS FAMILY GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

The Byers Family Graduate Student Scholarship in Agricultural Economics was established by Dr. Douglas Byers to encourage higher education in agriculture. Dr. Byers was a graduate of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (Diploma), McGill University (BSc), University of Connecticut (MSc), and Purdue University (PhD). He worked as Farm Management Specialist and Supervisor with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and, in later years, as Research Economist and various other senior management roles with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Dr. Byers established this scholarship – valued at \$8,000 per year – as a legacy to recognize the important role that advanced education plays in the agricultural industry and to provide opportunities for agricultural students to further their education.

- This award is intended for students in a program of studies leading to the MSc or PhD degree with specialization in **Agricultural Economics** at the Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University.
- Students must have applied for or have completed no more than two (2) semesters of full-time study in the MSc or PhD graduate program in the Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University.
- An admission GPA of at least 3.70 is required for eligibility.
- The scholarship is not renewable.
- The award is tenable only in the Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University.
- Fees are not waived and may be paid out of the award.
- Application deadline: March 1, 2025.
- Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- Application forms can be found at [Financial Support, Scholarships, Awards](#).

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 2 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 of Agricultural Economics, 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.

APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:

Department of Business and Social Sciences
Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University
Email: fac.bss@dal.ca

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- MUST BE WORD-PROCESSED
- APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1, 2025

NAME:

STUDENT NUMBER: B0

CURRENT LOCAL MAILING ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

COUNTRY OF BIRTH:

CITIZENSHIP:

CANADIAN CITIZEN

PERMANENT RESIDENT

OTHER

HOME PROVINCE:

COUNTRY:

ACADEMIC RECORD (INCLUDING CURRENT DALHOUSIE GRADUATE PROGRAM):

UNIVERSITY	DEGREE	DISCIPLINE	MONTH/YEAR OF (EXPECTED) COMPLETION

SCHOLARSHIPS CURRENTLY/PREVIOUSLY HELD:

SCHOLARSHIP NAME	DATES HELD (DD/MM/YY)	UNIVERSITY/ORGANISATION

OTHER AWARDS CONFERRED OR ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNISED:

TITLE	DATES RECEIVED (DD/MM/YY)	UNIVERSITY/ORGANISATION

ACADEMIC PROGRAM FOR WHICH SCHOLARSHIP IS REQUESTED:

PROGRAM:	DEPARTMENT/ SUPERVISOR:	PROGRAM START DATE (MM/YY):

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS (CHECK BOXES TO INDICATE INCLUSION OF ATTACHMENT):

<input type="checkbox"/> CURRICULUM VITAE (2-PAGE LIMIT)
<input type="checkbox"/> LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM PROPOSED SUPERVISOR + 2 ACADEMIC LETTERS OF REFERENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> RESEARCH PROPOSAL (2-PAGE LIMIT)

NAME OF APPLICANT

SIGNATURE

DATE (DD/MM/YY)