

LUCKY BEAN FOUNDATION GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lucky Bean Foundation created this scholarship to support the attraction and retention of high achieving graduate students enrolled in MSc and PhD programs at the Dalhousie University Faculty of Agriculture. These scholarships are intended to help develop excellence in the next generation of agricultural researchers. MSc students receive \$35,000 per year for up to two years, and PhD students receive \$30,000 per year for up to three years.

Eligibility Criteria

- These awards are intended for students in a program of studies leading to the MSc in Agriculture or PhD in Agricultural Sciences degrees 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 PhD or MSc graduate program in the Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University.
- Recipients will demonstrate both academic and research excellence in sustainable agriculture and/or clean, sustainable, and profitable food systems, excluding animal husbandry.
- The scholarship is renewable – at the discretion of the Awards Committee and subject to a satisfactory annual progress review, as well as maintaining a first-class standing – for a maximum scholarship tenure of 3 years for a PhD student, or 2 years for a MSc student.
- The award is tenable only in the Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University.
- Fees are not waived and must be paid out of the award. For applicants who are recipients of other awards or funds, the Faculty of Agriculture has a maximum cap of \$50,000 per year from all sources.
- Application and/or annual renewal documents must be submitted by: June 30, 2024
- Incomplete applications **will not** be considered.
- Application and renewal request 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 (maximum of 2 pages, single-spaced, 12-point font). Proposals over the page limit will not be considered. Applicants should explain **how** their research is aligned with [Faculty of Agriculture](#) and [Dalhousie University](#) strategic research goals, **AND** the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#).
- Two 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, judgment, 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 pages 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 MSc in Agriculture or 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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